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Being a leader does not mean that you have to be in the position at the top rung of the ladder; it can be as easy as setting an example by the manner in which you do something or agreeing to accept a task nobody else will.

When I was a high school student looking at colleges, I was dragged kicking and screaming to look at Sweet Briar. Sweet Briar touted the refrain that women's colleges offered far more opportunities than coeducational schools did for women to become leaders. I was one of those students who matriculated despite the fact, not because it offered single-sex education, and I took the leadership mantra with a grain of salt. After all, I attended a small Catholic high school where everyone seemed to be involved in everything and I could not imagine that women, especially me, needed help with anything. (This was the early 1980s, and I was only 17!) Not until I attended law school did I really begin to recognize what Sweet Briar had given me.

Then, as now, College leaders led by example and provided ample opportunities for the students to take a lead somewhere, somehow. I was involved in all sorts of campus activities as a student and remained involved with Sweet Briar in some capacity since my graduation because I believe so strongly in the Sweet Briar Promise. In my years on the Alumnae Association Board, I have served under the leadership of two fabulous presidents, each of whom I admire for her wisdom, diplomacy, and dedication to our alma mater. I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to follow in their footsteps. Although I have served on several boards in my professional and residential communities, Sweet Briar's Alumnae Board is special to me in the way that Sweet Briar is special to each of us, but for reasons we cannot always articulate.

Right now is a particularly exciting time on campus as Ken Huus, the dean of admissions, and his staff helped Sweet Briar enroll her largest class since 1983! Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, executive director of alumnae affairs, and all the ladies in the alumnae office planned our third annual Homecoming Weekend, which was so successful that we had over 1,000 participants from the alumnae and campus communities. Of particular interest at Convocation were our Keynote speaker, Prudence Bushnell, former Ambassador to Kenya and Guatemala, and our Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, Gay Hart Gaines '59, both of whom are worthy role models.

As you read on, you will get a glimpse into the lives of several Sweet Briar alumnae who are leading the way in their varied career fields. Being a leader does not mean that you have to be in the position at the top rung of the ladder; it can be as easy as setting an example by the manner in which you do something or agreeing to accept a task nobody else will. Opportunities for leadership present themselves to us each day and throughout our lives. After reading this issue I hope that each of you will be inspired to recognize the opportunities in your lives and to rise to the challenge. I am certain most of you already have.

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Homecoming 2007

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I am reminded each year during Homecoming Weekend that, as a community, we continue to weave relationships while bonding to a common experience, born long ago by the school's founders. This is the Sweet Briar College experience and it is our Homecoming Weekend experience.

Now in its third year, Homecoming 2007 celebrated with more than 1,000 registered participants including students, alumnae, faculty and staff, and friends of the College. Final registration counts included 195 alumnae, 122 faculty and staff, 471 students, and 305 guests. Alongside the many social, athletic, and academic events shared with students, faculty and staff, the weekend opened with a panel discussion led by the College's senior staff on the Sweet Briar of today.

"It was great to see the camaraderie and sense of team among the senior administrative staff. As usual, it was too short. It is always nice to learn about the College's new initiatives," commented an alumna returning with classmates to plan for their 35th reunion.

Throughout the weekend, updates, training, and annual meetings were offered by the Alumnae Association Board, Annual Fund, Visiting Committee on the Riding Program, Friends of Athletics Steering Committee, and Advisory Councils.

Advisory Councils, now in their third year, are comprised



Members of the Class of 1958 met during Homecoming to plan for their 50th Reunion in May 2008.



Mary Frances Ballard '49 announces the winners of the Cardboard Boat Regatta during Saturday night's Cocktails and Dinner.



Seniors place flowers on Daisy's grave at the Founders' Day Memorial Ceremony.



of alumnae faculty and staff, parents, and friends of the College. As one of the priorities outlined in the Sweet Briar Promise, Advisory Council offer student advising beyond the traditional academic border. A young alumna who serves as an Advisory Council member responded, "This meeting was excellent. I hope more alumnae will attend in the future. It was good to hear from all appropriate faculty and student majors and minors. I look forward to becoming more involved." Once a year, these off-campus advisors meet with students to share career experiences, participate in one-on-one meetings, and hear student presentations on recent internships and research opportunities. Faculty also share department updates. Currently, there are five disciplines with advisory councils including: business; classics; philosophy and religion; English and creative writing; modern languages; and psychology.

There are a number of ways to engage in the life of the College, and we hope you will consider attending Homecoming 2008 if you have not visited campus recently. You will leave with renewed knowledge and interest, knowing that Sweet Briar continues to shape and fulfill the goals and aspirations of its students.

Next year's Homecoming Weekend will be held on September 25-28, 2008.

Laura Glover '86 opens the Gold Star Reunion Giving Panel for questions and discussion. Reunion Giving Chairs offered wonderful tips about keeping the classes connected to each other and to Sweet Briar.

The Pink & Green Competition Continued!

In late summer, members of the Classes of 2011 and 2009 came in droves, clad in greens of all sorts, to the Farm House challenged by the Classes of 2010 and 2008 who were dressed thoroughly in pink. The gathering on a balmy August evening ignited the friendly competition for the third year in Sweet Briar history. This end-of-summer fling was the perfect chance for the teams to come together and relax before the true competition began during Homecoming Weekend 2007.

During Homecoming, alumnae and students attend events donning their color, and the class years with the most color support win a victory party at the Farm House, home of Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, executive director of alumnae affairs. Class years ending in an even number flaunt their "pinkest" outfit, while those with odd years sport their greens. The

Alumnae Association counts on you and the students to keep the spirit alive!

The competition is always close; however, *the Green Team was victorious this year!* The Class of 2011, the largest class to enter Sweet Briar College since 1983, attended events throughout the weekend with good cheer and clothed in their greens. The Pink Team remains a force, but the large and enthusiastic incoming class tipped the scales for the odd year classes. More than 88% of the first year class registered for Homecoming Weekend.

The annual victory party honored the Green Team (First Years and Juniors, Classes of 2011 and 2009) this year on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the Farm House.

As plans for next year's Homecoming are already underway, both students and alumnae know the competition continues!



Alumnae and students enjoy the Saturday picnic before the boat race.

Scholarship Recipients Express Gratitude

SHEILA ALEXANDER, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



On Friday of Homecoming Weekend, a special luncheon honored Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates and Silver Rose Society members. Williams Associates provide for Sweet Briar in their estate plans, and Silver Rose Society members have consistently made gifts for 25 years or longer. This year's honorees were joined by another group of very special guests: donors who generously give to scholarships and endowed funds. Nannette *McBurney* Crowds '57, alumnae board and planned giving chair, gave the opening remarks to hearty applause. "We had founders with a dream of making young women the equals of men in society; early faculty who believed in women's education; students who believed in going after what they wanted, even if the world wasn't ready for them. You are in this room today because you share those early visions and believe that women's education knows no bounds!"

Michelle Sanchez '08, a philosophy major and Sweet Spirit, gave the invocation. While dessert was served, eight slightly nervous students stood to speak about how scholarships help make their dreams come true, a theme that surfaced repeatedly. Their words were heartfelt, and the audience was overwhelmed by the sincerity with which they spoke.

"... I am incredibly thankful for being awarded a scholarship to study at Sweet Briar. I have probably never been happier in my life than I am now, because I am constantly reminded that dreams can be reached every day. I wouldn't have been able to make this dream come true without my scholarship." So spoke Tania Salas-Platt '11 from Ecuador. Her mother, Deirdre Platt '83, studied at Sweet Briar 20 years ago. Ms. Platt has not



been able to visit Sweet Briar again, but her dreams live on through her daughter.

In her remarks, President Muhlenfeld said, "the game isn't over with the end of the campaign: it is vital that our vision and our giving continue every year, faithfully, so that new generations of young women can live out their dreams of success as educators, scientists, athletes, writers, mothers, volunteers—whatever their dreams, our goal is to help them live out those dreams successfully."

The president's introduction of the student speech portion of the program made clear the value placed on these donors and honorees:

"Today you will hear from some of our students whose dreams you are helping

Students shared remarks and thanks with alumnae for their generous support at the Silver Rose Society and Williams Associates Luncheon.

L-R: Kristin Barnes '08, Tania Salas-Platt '11, Kate Lydin '09, Erin Rogers '08, Anne Lajek '08, Kathryn Brock '09, Katherine "KC" Ellis '08, and Michelle Sanchez '08.

to fulfill. These students, and all of our students, are learning their vision of philanthropy from all of you, and they have wonderful role models. Their comments will give all of us some insight into how your



philanthropy has changed their lives and made their Sweet Briar education possible."

KC Ellis '08 explained that her scholarship allowed her to take an internship in Washington, D.C., one of

the most expensive internship locations. "With my scholarship, I was able to afford a semester-long internship, where I worked at a firm dealing with humanitarian aid issues for Catholic Relief Services in addition to working for Congressman Joe Baca. I also volunteered with Bethany House for battered women and children and in Hope's Kitchen with the Women's Dinner program." Scholarships allow students to accept internships that match their goals most closely, even if they are unpaid.

Each year the cost to educate every Sweet Briar student grows. We rely on scholarships to help bring the best and brightest to Sweet Briar to realize their dreams, no matter what their financial circumstances.



Recipients of the *Distinguished Alumna Award*

The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.

1988 Dorothy Rause-Bottom '49
Diana Muldour Dozier '60
Karin Lawson '74

1989 Hallam Hurt '67

1990 Virginia Upchurch Collier '72
Katherine Upchurch Takvarian '72

1991 Ann Henderson Bannard '49
Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45

1992 Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsapp '68

1993 Molly Haskell Sarris '61

1994 Anna Chao Pai '57

1995 Joan Vail Thorne '51

1996 Beryl Bergquist Farris '71

1997 Geargene M. Vairo '72

1998 Katharine Crommelin Milton '62

1999 Patricia Traugott Rouse '48

2000 Connie Burwell White '34

2001 Joanne Halbrook Patton '52

2002 Stella Gray Barkley '55

2003 Elizabeth Marton Forsyth '36*

2004 Anne Little Poulet '64

2005 Jr. Ann Soderquist Kramer '64

2006 Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

2007 Gay Hart Gaines '59

* Deceased



President Muhlenfeld and
2007 Distinguished Alumna
Gay Hart Gaines '59

Gay Hart Gaines '59 Receives the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award

REPRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT FOUNDERS DAY CONVOCATION
DELIVERED BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JENNIFER CROSSLAND '86

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Gay Hart Gaines of the Class of 1959, recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award, a special honor that recognizes extraordinary accomplishment within a career field. Gay has shown outstanding leadership in the fields of education and politics. We are recognizing her today with one of the most esteemed honors the College can bestow because of the laudable action she has taken regarding her beliefs in bettering our nation.

Gay was born in Toronto, Canada, and lived much of her young life overseas in Bombay and Sydney. Independence was instilled in her at a young age when she

began boarding school in the United States in 1951. The rest of her family crossed the seas in 1954. That was the year that Gay began her "marvelous Sweet Briar experience," as she calls it. She earned her B.A. in psychology and graduated with honors in 1959. A glowing May Queen, she was truly one of the shining stars in her class. "Beauty Blessed with Wisdom," is how she is described forever in the 1959 yearbook. Although she was also known as the "Queen of Diamonds," it was said of Gay that she had a "sparkle on more than just her finger." Her dedication to the field of education and related projects has proved this phrase true time and time again.

Ever the activist, yet also the lovely lady we remember from her four years at SBC, another quote reads from her senior yearbook: "many men came, but only one conquered." Stanley Noyes Gaines won Gay's hand and they were married in 1959. Together with their four children they lived in 13 different places throughout the United States. After studying interior design for two years at the University of Minnesota, Gay worked for Robert Lenox Associates and then opened her own company, Gay Hart Gaines, Inc., of which she was president for ten years. Gay was involved with the educational climate of nearly every city in which she lived. She served on the Board of The Guthrie Theater and American Diabetes Association in Minnesota; The Auxiliary Board of The Chicago Art Institute and The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Illinois; The McCarter Theater in Princeton; The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Palm Beach, Florida; The Best Friends Foundation, and the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. She has been a member of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress since 1994.

Gay is a strong supporter of conservative values and politics. She has upheld her convictions not only for herself and her family, but also in the greater scope of the political realm. She has gone out and made a difference in the most admirable ways. With unwavering consistency, she has supported Republican candidates for local, state, and national offices. She served as Republican County Committee person in Mercer County, New Jersey, and became the first elected Chairman of the National Review Institute, an organization founded by William F. Buckley, Jr. and John O'Sullivan "to promote conservative ideas and causes."

In 1993, Congressman Newt Gingrich recruited Mrs. Gaines to be the new Chairman of GOPAC, the Republican Political Action Committee. She held this position for four years, during which time she helped to elect Republican majorities in state and local offices across the United States. She played a vital role in helping to achieve a Republican majority in the House of Representatives in 1994.

Through her active lifestyle involving family and friends, politics and other volunteer obligations, Gay was admired as a leader in each and every role she was granted, and this led to leadership in other areas of her field. In 2000 she was elected Vice Regent for Florida of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the oldest preservation board in the country. In October of 2004, she was elected the 18th Regent of the Mount Vernon

Ladies' Association for a term of three years. Her mission as regent has been to restore and preserve George Washington's estate for future generations. Since she has been involved with Mount Vernon, the Gay Hart Gaines Distinguished Visiting Fellowship was established as well as the Legacy Theater, also known as the Gay Hart Gaines Theater.

In 2002, Gay was elected President of the Palm Beach Republican Club for a two-year term. The PBRC is one of the oldest clubs in the nation. Under Gay's leadership, it became one of the largest.

In 2003, Gay was appointed to the board of Corporation for Public Broadcasting by President George W. Bush. In November 2004 she was confirmed by the United States Senate for a term of six years. She is currently vice chairman and, to use her own words, she is "totally committed to public broadcasting's role of providing excellence in learning, not only for children but for Americans of every age." Gay also said as she was confirmed to the board of the CPB, "Although we live in dangerous times, Americans have the freedom to be risk-taking, creative, and bold." We recognize her accomplishments today specifically because of this attitude that she has ascribed to not only in theory, but also in action.

Gay is a member of the Oak and Silver Rose Societies at Sweet Briar College. Silver Rose Society members are those friends of Sweet Briar who have made gifts to the College for 25 years or more. We thank her for her continued generous support.

I speak on behalf of all of us when I say that we are honored to share a common history with Gay.

Read Gay's acceptance speech at: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/awards/distinguished.html



Gay Hart Gaines '59 speaks at Founders' Day Convocation

Keystone Society

MEMBERS

Anonymous
Mildred Lewis Adkins '29*
Ann Ritchey Baruch '62
Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21*
Gordon G. Beemer H '21*
Audrey T. Betts '45*
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Ann Young Bloom '59
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Walter H. Brown H '49
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Carol McMurtry Fowler '57
The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation
Nancy Hall Green '64
Evelyn Lorraine Haire Greer '91
Margaret Bell Hare '32*
George W. Jackson*
Donna Pearson Josey '64
Helen Murchison Lane '46
Alice F. Laubach '35*
Richard E. & Eleanor C. Leslie
Helen Martin '33*
Mary Lee McGinnis McClain '54
Norma Patteson Mills '60
J. Wilson Newman*
The Perkins-Prothro Foundation
C. Wrede Petersmeyer*
Frances Gregg Petersmeyer '43
Kitty Corbett Powell '38
John Lee Pratt*
Charles N. Prothro*
Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39
Sally Reohard '30*
Bettie Katherine Arnold Reed '64
Anne Wilson Rowe '57
Josiah P. Rowe III
Bradley R. & Mildred "Bee" Newman
Thayer '61
Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
The Virginia Foundation for Independent
Colleges
Cornelia Wailes '26*
Edward T. Woiles*
Margaret Jones Wyllie '45

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**Sweet Briar Homecoming
Convocation Keynote Address**

Wanted: Women Leaders for the 21st Century

PRUDENCE BUSHNELL, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR
TO GUATEMALA AND KENYA



My husband, Dick Buckley, and I have been on campus less than 24 hours, but it did not take us that long to be filled with admiration for the shared commitment to Sweet Briar's mission we noticed all around.

In my view, this mission was appropriately refined in 2004 to prepare women to be productive and responsible members of a world community. This resonates with me because I have spent many years in that "world community." I have been exposed to different ways to be productive and responsible, and, for the 24 years I was in the Foreign Service, I promoted American concepts and values of productivity and responsibility. I have also been exposed to the shackles that limit the productivity of women, who make up 50% of the world population.

In our busy American lives, it is easy to be persuaded that this is not our issue, or that we lack the power to make a difference. But if we recognize, as Sweet Briar does, that we are members of a world community, we will also recognize that these assumptions are wrong.

Women currently make up 60–70% of the world's poor. We know that lifting a woman out of poverty is lifting an entire family out of poverty. We know how to do so, but have yet to act on a global scale. We understand how wars and conflict impact women. Studies show how critical their participation is to lasting peace, but we have yet to include them in meaningful ways of peacemaking.

In this country, working families lose \$200 billion annually because of the wage gap between men and women. At the current rate of change it will take another 50 years to close that gap. Where is the talk of urgency? In the corporate world, studies show that businesses with greater numbers of women in senior positions can point to a return on equity up to 35% higher than others. Never mind the fact that women make up 50% of managerial and professional ranks, the rate of women corporate leaders still hovers at around six percent. Balancing work and family life remains an enormous burden on all working women, but continues to be considered a personal issue. Two-thirds to three-fourths of business leaders recently surveyed do not believe discrimination against women exists.

These are the realities of the world for which Sweet Briar is preparing young women. We used to consider these gender issues, but I see them as political, economic, and social challenges that responsible members of a world community will embrace. To do so each one of us must develop and use our leadership capabilities.

When I was growing up, leadership was a guy thing. Leaders were born, not made, and they were male—preferably tall and handsome. Leaders held positions at the top of the hierarchies of our governments, workplaces, religious establishments, schools, and homes. If women did exercise leadership, it was of the personal kind and often very subtle.

Raised in those environments, it never dawned on me that as a female I could be a leader. Fortunately, leadership has been redefined. It is not the role you are in, but the way you think and behave. Leaders think strategically and behave intentionally and with integrity.

Look at what Indiana Fletcher Williams did. Profoundly affected by the death of her young daughter, Daisy, she created a vision and acted intentionally and strategically by leaving her legacy to create this college and an endowment for scholarships. Miss Indie may not have had opportunities in her day to fill many formal leadership roles, but nothing stopped her from exercising personal leadership. Doing so changed thousands of lives for the better.

My last assignment in the Foreign Service was as dean of the Leadership and Management School of the Foreign Service Institute during Colin Powell's tenure. He had a passion for leadership and wanted it practiced at all levels of the Department of State. He mandated leadership training for all employees. My colleagues and I were tasked to implement that mandate. We addressed leadership from the inside-out. We helped people develop an awareness of themselves, their values, their behaviors, and their impact on others. After all, leadership is not about you, it's about others. We did a lot of work on skills like active listening, giving feedback, building teams, and strategic thinking.

We found no difference in the aptitude or skills between men and women. At all levels, we found a reverence for Colin Powell, a huge relief to finally get the training needed, and an equally great sense of powerlessness to use these behaviors at work because "they won't let me." Even people with the power of positional leadership felt constrained from using personal leadership. As a result, the changes in culture Powell sought have been a long time coming.

I was lucky because I learned in early adulthood that I had to use personal leadership if I was ever to reach positional leadership. I practiced the behaviors intentionally in positions from secretary to ambassador.

When I received the formal leadership position of ambassador to Kenya, I was very intentional to develop teamwork and trust as we enthusiastically addressed policy interests. To develop trust, I had to listen to what people were saying. What community and staff conveyed were concerns about their security and the placement of the embassy chancery building on a busy corner in downtown Nairobi. As a leader, I had the responsibility to do something and for two years I banged on doors in Washington to get attention. Attention did come, but not in the way of security relief. In the spring of 1998, my annual performance evaluation for the first time ever had a coded reprimand. That evaluation prompted me to write a letter to the Secretary of State.

On August 7, 1998, we were blown up by a truck bomb sent by Osama bin Laden. It detonated in our small rear parking lot and instantly killed 213 people, injuring around 5,000. About half of the occupants of our building were either killed or severely wounded. It was left to the other half to go back in, with the help of other members of our community, to bring out our dead and rescue others. The leadership and courage I saw displayed that day was extraordinary—and had nothing to do with position.

Although they did not have to, members of our mission chose to stay in Kenya to reconstruct our organization, assist the Kenyan community at large, and help begin healing from a tragic and traumatic event. Leadership at every level, regardless of formal position or role, got us back on our feet. We had no time to learn about leadership, we had to act. It was through action that I learned the most important leadership imperative of them all, taking care of your people. I also learned how rough, tough, and nasty that can be.

About six weeks after the bombing, we crowded into another vulnerable U.S. government building. I was told that there was not sufficient funding for the marines providing our security to stay. I went head-to-head with senior people in Washington more than once, telling them that the day they withdrew the combat marines they would see me on

international television waving good-bye with tears coming down my face. (It just shows that a woman threatening to cry can still work in all sorts of situations.) It was neither pleasant nor career-enhancing, but it was my responsibility.

As a woman, a lofty title will only get you a place at the table. It is no guarantee you will be heard. I had to adapt a variety of behaviors and gimmicks for that. For example, in the Washington policy arena, where information is power, I cultivated people "in the know," and found that women colleagues were particularly helpful. In presenting myself, I learned to use a particular tone and demeanor: always assertive; always confident; and, in anger, very focused, calm, and low in pitch. I learned never to end a declarative sentence as if it were a question and to avoid at all costs self-diminishing statements like "you may disagree but ..." or "I'm not an expert ...". I learned to dress for my next position and always wear comfortable shoes; it is hard to do what is necessary to be heard when your feet hurt.

No one told me about the cultural mores of alpha male organizations, which abound in Washington, and I was initially hesitant to adopt some of them. After some internal debate as to whether it would taint my pure soul, I decided I had to start interrupting if I was ever to get a word in and to intentionally keep people from interrupting me. As ambassador, I advised my senior staff in our first meeting that I was to be called Ambassador in public because I was a short woman and didn't need to be diminished even further. At the suggestion of one of my male colleagues, I asked whoever accompanied me as note-taker in meetings with foreign government officials to keep eyes focused on me so that my interlocutor, usually a man, would not engage my male note-taker instead. I learned a leader never carries anything (my husband was particularly good about carrying my purse).

Most important of all, I learned what I brought to my job as a woman. In private, I found, women can say things to men in power that would likely get the male of the species thrown out of the room. I was perceived as less of a threat. I also found out that, as a woman, I could adapt a tone of voice that

conjured important archetypes, specifically mothers or teachers. Remember the tone that went with: "Children, you've got to do something about the mess in your room"? I have used that tone to say "Mr. President, you've got to do something about official corruption in your country" and get away with it.

This is my challenge to you: use every opportunity to think strategically, act intentionally, and behave with integrity no matter what role you play. If we want a different world for ourselves, if we want more women to hold positions of leadership or have greater opportunities to be productive and responsible on an equal footing, we need to develop and practice personal leadership now.

What an incredible place Sweet Briar is to do just that. Think about the lessons you, alumnae, can pass on. Consider the culture of leadership that you, faculty and staff, can create, and look at the opportunities you, the students, have. Sweet Briar is a premier women's college in the most powerful nation of the world. What a gift! My hope is that you use it intentionally.

I wish all of you gentle adventures.



President Muhlenfeld introduces Keynote Speaker Prudence Bushnell



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Bee and Bradley Thayer Inducted into the Keystone Society

SHEILA ALEXANDER, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

"We have accomplished much at Sweet Briar College in the past ten years and we are on the brink of achieving another goal: constructing the updated Fitness and Athletics Center," says Mildred "Bee" Newman Thayer '61.

Bee and Bradley Thayer share enthusiasm for Sweet Briar athletics. Their recent gift of \$400,000 to help fund the new Fitness and Athletics Center is one of many generous donations provided by those who share a vision for Sweet Briar's future in the twenty-first century.

"In helping to shape the lives of young women, it is imperative that we support the national mandate to improve physical fitness by providing modern facilities. It is important to cultivate holistic wellness habits in our students for their lifetimes and future generations as well."

Bee and Bradley have always supported Sweet Briar. They are the newest members of the Keystone Society, those valued donors who have made lifetime commitments to the College totaling \$1 million or more. "We are proud to be part of a College that responds to the needs of its students as times change, and focuses on the future while still being grounded in and respectful of its rich cultural history," says Bee.



Homecoming Alumnae College: Life at Tusculum during the Nineteenth Century

H. CHRISTIAN CARR, DIRECTOR, SWEET BRIAR MUSEUM AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ART HISTORY, JAMES H.



Tusculum at its original location.

Below: Celery vase
owned by the
Crawfords.



When visiting old houses, people often muse; "Oh, if these walls could talk, the stories they'd tell." Without a doubt, Tusculum would have a lot to say about our College's heritage. Sweet Briar's family tree starts with Daisy, the only child of Indiana and James Henry Williams. To get to the Tusculum connection, we have to go back to Indiana's mother, Maria Antoinette Crawford, who grew up at Tusculum. She married Elijah Fletcher in 1813, and their marriage endured for 40 years, until Maria's death in 1853.

Elijah Fletcher came from a respectable but cash-poor family in Ludlow, Vermont. As one of 15 children, he was the only one his parents could send to college. In return, he was expected to help support the rest of the family. Soon after he graduated from the University of Vermont, Elijah Fletcher set out on a journey. In April 1810, he left the family farmstead on a little bay mare with \$50 in his pocket to pursue

a teaching position in North Carolina.

In late July Elijah finally reached Alexandria, Virginia. By that time his mare was exhausted, as were Fletcher's funds. He wrote to his father that he was "as poor as Job's cats," having only four dollars left and had eaten only five full meals since leaving New York. With his pockets empty, he was forced to take on a temporary tutoring position with the Mason family of Northern Virginia. That winter, Elijah made an important connection with David Shepherd Garland, a member of Congress who was also a lawyer, a landowner with extensive holdings, and a leading citizen of Amherst County, Virginia. Known as "King David" for his wealth and influence, Garland resided at Brick House, now the home of Sweet Briar alumna Mary Smith Brugh '57, who has kindly welcomed my students on more than one occasion. Garland convinced Elijah to give up his

plans to go to North Carolina by offering him the more prestigious, and presumably more lucrative, position as the president of the New Glasgow Academy in Amherst.

After only one month, a letter arrived from home containing a plea for \$150.00. Realizing that such a request would soon come again, Fletcher offered lessons in French and music for young ladies to supplement his income. These lessons were held at Brick House, and one of the students was the younger daughter of William S. Crawford, a trustee of New Glasgow Academy who resided nearby at Tusculum. At Christmas, Elijah joined the Crawfords for the holidays and by the following fall, he wrote to his father that "I have long been intimate with a most amiable, accomplished, sensible, lady, of one of the most rich, extensive, respectable families in the state."

This was Maria Antoinette Crawford, who grew up in the

company of seven sisters and three brothers at Tusculum. In his letter, Elijah described what life was like there, relating that: "They live in a two story, upright house, painted white. Mr. C. is ... quite grey headed, was educated at Princeton, formerly a distinguished lawyer. Mrs. C. is most amiable ... and the young Ladies distinguished for their sense and accomplishments. They dress in their silks daily but have too much good sense to be proud. The young lady I anticipate making my future companion ... is sincere, candid, intelligent, and sensible."

Elijah and Maria were married in 1813, and he became the estate manager in 1815 when his father-in-law died and left his considerable plantations to Fletcher's stewardship. In true

Cinderella style, going from penniless schoolteacher to prominent landowner in four years, Elijah was able to parlay his wife's connections into two terms as Lynchburg's mayor and became a powerful force in that city. His marriage connected Elijah to two of the oldest and most active families in central Virginia: the Penns and the Crawfords. I am indebted to Judy Evans-Grubbs, former professor of classics at Sweet Briar College, and now at Washington University, for disentangling the lines of our founding family, which were set forth in a privately published genealogy of 1883.

Several pages of this imposing tome are devoted to Maria's grandfather Gabriel Penn, who was born in 1741 and died in 1798. He fought in the French and Indian Wars as a sergeant in a regiment under Colonel William Byrd, and in the American Revolution he was the captain of one of two companies of recruits from Amherst County. He had a successful mercantile business here and served as magistrate both before and after the Revolution; he was also the Amherst delegate to the revolutionary committee that crafted Virginia's "Declaration of Rights" in 1776. Gabriel Penn was clearly a man of note in Amherst County, but he had much more famous relatives: his cousin John Penn was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and another relation was the Quaker leader William Penn. In 1761 Penn married Sarah Callaway, the daughter of a well-known Bedford county family, and the couple had ten children. In 1779 Penn purchased a house worthy of his status, "The Glebe," another Amherst County treasure. One of their daughters, Sophia, married William S. Crawford, who had established a successful legal practice in Amherst County, and they made their home at Tusculum.

Tusculum was named after an ancient town, an Italian center of villa culture located not far from



Rome, a place where senators and philosophers would retire to the countryside to relax and attend entertainments at the theatre. It was a place so suited to the cultivation of civilization that Cicero wrote one of his greatest works, the *Disputations*, there. These writings became one of the foundations for a classical education in the eighteenth century, and that is how Crawford's Tusculum plantation got its name: it was a conscious linking on the part of the Crawfords, who drew a clear parallel between an ancient Roman location of pastoral idyll and learned civilization, and their own home.

When we try to piece together the contents of houses of the past, we turn to the written record for historical accuracy. For records on Tusculum, we need go no further than the Amherst County Courthouse, where inventories tell us how the house was furnished at the time of Elijah and Maria's marriage. They have provided a rich resource for faculty at Sweet Briar who have been studying our nineteenth-century history, and my colleagues Kate Chavigny, associate professor of history, and Lynn Rainville, visiting assistant professor of anthropology and archeology, have contributed to our understanding of this period in the family's history.

When Crawford died, Elijah and widowed Sophia Crawford

were named administrators of the Crawford's estate. Along with the contents of Tusculum, described as "The Mansion House," were items from two other plantations belonging to Crawford: Tye River and Indian Creek. In the nineteenth-century usage, a plantation denoted any tract of acreage that could be planted, and it was unusual to find a substantial dwelling on more than one of them. Listed along with grubbing hoes, a large black cow, and sets of harnesses, there are more elegant items for the household listed that would have been used exclusively at Tusculum.

In the long lists of these luxury items, one piece stands out to the historian of material culture: the celery vase. In the era of hand production, specialized items for the table were rare, and most Americans were eating with spoons from a communal trencher. Yet the Crawfords had a celery vase: a piece of expensive handcut glass reserved for one vegetable, an almost unimaginable extravagance.

The new location for Tusculum is just outside the edge of the outer circle of boxwoods surrounding Sweet Briar House, and its orientation near the Upper Lake is sympathetic to the house's original location. This placement allows Tusculum to retain its listing on the National Register of Historic Places even after it

is rebuilt here on our campus, a singular distinction shared by only a handful of relocated houses.

There is another key reason why Tusculum will be right at home at Sweet Briar. We are fortunate to have an incredibly diverse range of collections here, many of which belonged to our founding family. We have a history of taking our stewardship of these collections very seriously, and we consider buildings to be a part of those collections—our largest artifacts, if you will. Architecture is an element well-represented on campus, and when it is rebuilt, Tusculum will be erected in near proximity to other historic buildings. It will stand adjacent to Sweet Briar House, which shares its eighteenth-century roots, and our slave cabin, a significant structure dating from the early nineteenth century. These buildings rest against the buildings of our campus historic district, designed for Sweet Briar by architect Ralph Adams Cram. Adding Tusculum to this collection will allow us to present the history of regional architecture from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. These buildings comprise a remarkable resource and are studied and used for the benefit of our students, our local community, and visitors to our campus.

Interestingly, Elijah Fletcher remarked in 1845 that his daughters, upon their return from their European travels, might be useful to society by establishing "a sort of a nunnery or a school at Tusculum." We know how important education was to our founding family. Indiana attended Georgetown Visitation Convent in Washington, which her father referred to as a "nunnery." Perhaps it was Elijah's remark that inspired Indiana to found a women's college in memory of her daughter Daisy, which makes Tusculum an even more significant part of our Sweet Briar history.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

DOREEN McVEIGH '09

BIOLOGY MAJOR / CHEMISTRY MINOR

As a member of the Student Relations Committee, this is my favorite time of year: all of our ideas and preparations come to fruition through the laughter of old friends catching up and new acquaintances becoming fast friends. The Cardboard Boat Regatta and picnic at the lower lake makes Saturday during Homecoming one of the most exciting days of the weekend. Engineering students design and build streamlined, sturdy boats to brave the waters through an obstacle course while everyone cheers them on.

Atop the sea of pink and green décor and picnic ware, a group of friends shouted my name. Wiggling between them to watch the boats, I continually scanned the scene, waving and shouting greetings to many passers-by. One person asked, "Do you know every single person here?" I smiled and laughed, but something about her question struck me while watching the competitors paddle and splash around the course. I realized that this is the unique beauty of Sweet Briar. All of us share a similar devoted spirit for a school that has shaped our view of the world and created unbreakable bonds between Sweet Briar women past or present. Friendships that form at every Homecoming are no coincidence, but the result of our strong foundation at Sweet Briar.

After the Cardboard Boat Regatta, afternoon activities were just beginning. I returned briefly to my room and found my roommate deep in study. "Oh you can't stay locked up in the room for Homecoming, come join me for the field hockey game!" I shouted. She finally conceded to come on the condition that her work could accompany us to the game. Finding a shaded patch of grass on the hillside, we took in our surroundings. The vibrant green hues of the trees

contrasted spectacularly against the clear blue sky, but those in attendance certainly came color coordinated in their own way. Dr. John F. Morrissey of the Biology Department and Donna McLaughlin, although new to the campus, were in full Vixen regalia to support the players.

My roommate and I noticed an alumna watching the game intensely, voicing technical phrases of support to our girls. As neither my roommate nor I knew the rules of field hockey, we struck up a conversation on what makes a good pass, and the best way to navigate the ball across the field. It was then that she noticed my roommate's course book resting on the grass. By the end of the first half, they were discussing the author, his work, and their own understanding of the material, with occasional interrupting shouts of "Go Sweet!" The second half was just as thrilling: each team proved their worth and prowess on the field, and Sweet Briar won the game. The flush of victory evident on the players' faces was exciting to us all as we cheered in celebration of a job well done. The exhilaration I felt at the game and the conversation I participated in with an enthusiastic alumna left a lasting impression on me. I'm looking forward to Homecoming 2008, to the fantastic events, and to the friendships I will make.



Homecoming Horse Show

KATE BEACH '09 ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING
MAJOR, BUSINESS MINOR

On the warm, sunny Homecoming Saturday, Sweet Briar riders wore wool hunt coats and black helmets. They led shiny horses from their stalls, saddled them, and mounted. With the outdoor arena drug, the jumps set, and the course maps posted, SBC equestrians were ready to ride in the first in-house show of the year.

This intramural event was the first opportunity for qualified first-year students to compete on campus, riding either their own horse or a Sweet Briar horse. The sophomores, juniors, and seniors did not let the first-years have all the fun though, as they were also eager to gain more experience riding in a supportive, learning-emphasized show atmosphere. Equestrians of all levels were encouraged to attend the show to watch and learn, even if they did not compete. From the sidelines, Kimberly Rosenberg '11 rooted for her friends and said "it's really interesting to see all kinds of people compete at different levels." She also noted, "I like to watch because it helps me learn about my own position and riding skills."

Riders entered equitation classes, in which a rider's position and effectiveness are judged, and in jumper classes, in which the horse's speed and agility are paramount. Former Associate Director of the SBC Riding Program Jill Randles served as judge for the day.

Diana Simpson, who will graduate this spring, rode in the show. She commented, "It was a beautiful day to ride, and it was great fun to see some alumnae come and watch the show. There were quite a few people there, even some alumnae that didn't ride. It was very bittersweet to see my friends who had moved past Sweet Briar; I miss them, and it was a stark reminder of how quickly May is looming. It was also a sad realization that this was the last homecoming at which I would be a student and not alumna."

Rider participation in the event was comparable to previous years, while spectator attendance rose slightly. Holding the show on Saturday gave families and alumnae a chance to get settled on campus beforehand. Chairs were set up in the shade beside the arena, yet some spectators still preferred the soft grass. Many horse shows on campus are only attended by students, so it was nice to have some additional crowd support for this one. The Alumnae Office generously provided adorable horse-head carabineers as souvenirs, which were set out in the Bailey room and at the in-gate.



Lydia Winants '11 is mounted and ready to ride!

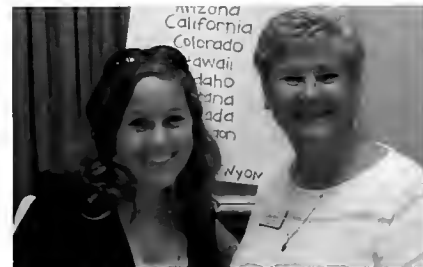
Face-to-Face Homecoming Event tops Facebook Web site

KATE BEACH '09, ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR,
BUSINESS MINOR

On Friday evening of Homecoming Weekend, current students and alumnae met at the Elston Inn and Conference Center for a night of networking and dancing. This is the first year that the "Who Needs Facebook When You Have Face-to-Face Time?" event has taken place, but with a catchy name and plenty of publicity, it was well attended and enjoyed.

At the beginning, alumnae office personnel and Student Relations Committee members greeted attendees with enthusiasm and pointed out tables staffed by SBC Alumnae Club Regional Chairs. These alumnae board members graciously and happily volunteered their time to meet with current students who were either from one of the states of their region or had an interest in interning or working there in the future. Connections were made based on fields of interest and career industries, which are invaluable to students hoping to gain insight into potential job areas.

After students grabbed snack plates full of chocolate fondue, nachos, and other munchies, they chatted with their new alumnae acquaintances while meeting other current students from their home region. The casual, yet focused environment was conducive to both informative discussion as well as the light-hearted sharing of stories about the Sweet Briar experience. Associate Director of



Diane Dale Reiling '73 and Kate Lyndin '09 meet at the Facebook event.

Career Services Kristin Ewing introduced me to Kelly Meredith Iacobelli '88, and we talked about her experiences working in advertising. As an English and creative writing major and business minor, I'm always looking for ways to find out more about fields in which my specific skill set could be applicable. Kelly shared specifics about the industry with me from a first-hand perspective.

Julia Pittman '11 also had a positive experience at this party. She stated that she met friendly alumnae that "were very interested in what I planned to do." Julia also explained, "I had fun and would like to see this event repeated next year."

About an hour after the event began, the lights dimmed and DJ Mix Master Mike got the dance party started. Students and alumnae rocked out to a mix of modern hits and oldies-but-goodies. Those that still wanted to chat either yelled over the music or moved out into the foyer and huddled around the food tables. Some suggested that next year, we should have two separate rooms,

one for dancing and one for networking, allowing people to participate in the activity of their choice. All-in-all, I heard many positive comments, and this event is definitely worth a repeat.



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Homecoming Sports Feed

CAMERON ADAMS, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Homecoming 2007 was packed with athletic events. Saturday, five varsity athletic games were played on our campus fields and courts followed by a busy "Alumnae Sunday." The Sunday schedule, featuring the 2007 Class of the Athletics Hall of Fame inductees at breakfast, was filled to the brim with alumnae-student competitions in field hockey, swimming, and volleyball.

On Saturday the SBC Varsity Field Hockey team faced non-conference Shenandoah University's players. Varsity Soccer took on conference-foe Emory and Henry College, and Varsity Volleyball hosted a tri-match with Lynchburg College and Mountain State University.

Vixen hockey treated the Homecoming crowd to a win, defeating Shenandoah 3-2. Amey Landreth '11 gave Sweet Briar an early 1-0 lead with an unassisted goal 15 minutes into the game. Shenandoah answered with its first goal 20 minutes later.

Sweet Briar came out strong as Lindsay Eneguess '11 and sophomore Molly McGonegle each sent a ball to the back of the cage, giving Vixens a 3-1 lead. A late goal by Shenandoah made the game close, but Vixens held on for the win.

The crowd then flocked to the soccer field where Vixens did not fare as well. Down 2-0 after the first 45 minutes, Sweet Briar tried to make a comeback. First-year Kat Alexander put Sweet Briar on the board in the 60th minute with an unassisted goal.

Alexander's goal brought us within one point of tying the game in the final 30

minutes, but the one-goal differential was as close as the team could come. The Wasps won with an insurance goal in the 68th minute.

"I was really nervous playing in front of former students because athletics are the front porch of a college, and how we represent our school affects how people see it," said Alexander. "In the end, I think we worked as hard as we could, we showed good progress within the program and offered a glimpse of what's to come. I was proud to be a first-year athlete representing Sweet Briar."

While field hockey and soccer were competing outside, volleyball took on Lynchburg College and Mountain State in the gym. The Vixens faced Lynchburg in the

morning, kicking off the tri-match. Hornets unfortunately took the match in three games.

After Lynchburg and Mountain State faced off, the Vixens took on Mountain State to round out the action. Our ladies won with a close score of 30-28 before dropping the tri-match 3-1. Vixens compiled 66 digs as a team.

On "Alumnae Sunday" the Hall of Fame Breakfast honored inductees of the 2007 Class of the Athletics Hall of Fame. Cara Gascoigne, director of physical education from 1912-1923; riding champion Jamie Plunk Martin '81; and swimming star Jennifer Ellen Crossland '86 received high honors for their sporting accomplishments at Sweet Briar and beyond.

Members of senior staff, the Athletics department, the Riding Department, current student athletes, and family and friends of the inductees gathered for the induction ceremony. Each inductee was presented for induction and those who were able to attend the ceremony were given the chance to respond. Current student athletes served as hosts for each inductee and introduced their presenters.

"The Hall of Fame Breakfast was inspiring. We were able to hear the inductees speak of their accomplishments and how Sweet Briar sports have forever changed them," commented junior field hockey student-athlete Blair Sutton.

Alexander added, "Being in that room, surrounded by my fellow student athletes and seeing what those who have come before us have accomplished was beyond inspiring. What amazing women!"

The athletics portion of Homecoming Weekend concluded with alumnae players challenging the current student athletes in field hockey, volleyball, and swimming.



hall of fame

Cara Gascoigne

JENNIFER CRISPEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Cara Gascoigne "arrived at the College in 1912 to start an unusually well-directed program of physical education" wrote Martha Lou Stohlman '34 in her book, *The Story of Sweet Briar College*. Cara remained at Sweet Briar for 11 years, and during her tenure the students played Virginia's first women's intercollegiate field hockey game in 1919, as well as the first intercollegiate basketball game in 1920. The hockey game was the first women's intercollegiate contest of any kind in the state of Virginia. In one of her student assignments, Jennifer Frost '86 wrote, quoting Gascoigne: "Although the game had been played on campus since 1909, it was Miss Gascoigne's hope that, someday, 'the gentle art of knocking a rubber ball down the field without being massacred on the way' would be mastered."

In 1914, Gascoigne also started club lacrosse at the College. Lacrosse is now a very popular varsity sport at Sweet Briar. She

returned to England in 1923 and was followed by Harriet Rogers.

Gascoigne was a favorite amongst her students as evidenced by a remark written in the 1920 Briar Patch. "We are fortunate in having Miss Gascoigne again as athletic instructor after her absence abroad. We should now be able to advance steadily towards our ideal, and perhaps, some day, to reach it."

In an earlier yearbook, a student remarked, "Aesthetic dancing [is] the desire and ambition of every awkward student in college. Miss Gascoigne does really, at times, turn some of them into Graces, but some others—ye gods!"

Long-time field hockey coach Jennifer Crispin says, "You cannot underestimate the influence of the early physical educators at Sweet Briar. They valued athletics and competition not only as necessary, but as good for their students. Much of the early progress in women's competition was due to the competitive philosophy of women's college athletics, particularly the Mid-Atlantic and Southern women's colleges. Cara Gascoigne left a legacy that still benefits Sweet Briar student-athletes today."

the first women's intercollegiate contest of any kind in the state of Virginia.

Jamie Planck Martin '81

PAUL CRONIN, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, SWEET BRIAR RIDING PROGRAM AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS



Jamie Planck Martin & Paul Cronin at Sweet Briar.

Jamie Planck Martin was the epitome of SBC's recruiting slogan "Riders and Scholars." She graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors in 1981. As a student, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received the Sweet Briar Presidential Medal given to an outstanding athlete and scholar as well as the Lawrence G. Nelson Award for excellence in English. She entered Sweet Briar shortly after the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center moved from the 17-stall shed. A new 60-stall facility and larger arena looked "real good" to riders, trainers, and prospective students at SBC. As training and competitive programs developed, Jamie helped lead the way with her talent, experience, work ethic, and sportsmanship. Always a keen and interested riding student, she was open to new ideas and approaches and was refreshingly comfortable both questioning and encouraging fellow students and faculty. As one of these faculty members, I dedicated my book, *Schooling and Riding The Sport Horse*, to "The horses and students who have taught me all I know, especially those at Sweet Briar College." Jamie is certainly one of those students, and I will always be grateful to her.

Before coming to SBC, Jamie competed successfully in the southeast, as well as on the Florida circuit and at the northeast indoor horse shows. She rode a range of horses at SBC and competed with consistent quality performances and good sportsmanship. Jamie was the ANRC National Collegiate Equitation Champion each year of her college career with the exception of her junior year abroad.

After Sweet Briar, Jamie received her J.D. from Vanderbilt School of Law. Careers as an attorney and as a mother have filled her life, yet now Jamie is returning to riding in a big way. She has been involved with the government of the sport through serving on committees for the USHJA, USEF, The American Hunter Jumper Foundation, and The Mississippi Hunter Association. Recently, she built Providence Hill Farm, a quality equestrian facility. We expect to hear great things from her as she continues riding and sharing her passion for horses.

About Providence Hill Farm...

"By chance we ended up with this facility," Jamie said about her farm, Providence Hill. "The other barn in our area decided to stop going to horse shows, so we designed and built Providence Hill Farm." On the Web site, www.providencehillfarm.com, you will find the farm's mission statement: "Our trainers and staff are committed to providing the highest quality training and care available for our horses and riders in a nurturing and warm environment. Honesty, integrity, and a commitment to Christian principles form the basis for all of our programs."

Aside from other activities at the farm that include raising cattle, growing crops and trees for timber, Providence Hill is also the base for the Mississippi College Equestrian Team. The venture began last spring when a group of girls from the college asked Jamie if she would help them start an equestrian team. "As God would have it, I happened to be there that day. Having such wonderful memories of Sweet Briar riding, I was excited about trying to help them. I met with the girls and we submitted a proposal to the college president. Now, riding is a varsity women's sport at Mississippi College."

Jamie attributes much of her success to experiences that have taken place throughout her life. One such experience was her college career. "Sweet Briar prepared me to do all of these things. I wasn't trained to own and manage a farm; I was trained as a lawyer. SBC taught us to give back to our community and to think critically, so it was easy to take skills from another profession and use them in different areas." In helping to start the Mississippi College program, Jamie is able to give back to her community. She also organizes a summer camp at Providence Hill for inner-city children.

"The name Providence means divine intervention. This farm is God's intervention. There is nothing I have given or done that could have earned this farm." Providence was the name of a Baptist church where Jamie's great-grandfather-in-law was a music minister, and using the church's name for her farm is her and her husband's way of recognizing God's hand in their life.

As owner and activities manager of the farm, Jamie has a full schedule. "My daughter, Tinsley, who is 12, also rides and travels to horse shows with me," Jamie says. "You will often see my mother, Jacquie, cheering for us at the shows and helping at the barn. It's a family affair." Jamie participates in approximately 15 shows each year and considers it "a great blessing" to have taken home Champion of the amateur-owner-over-36 division at the Harrisburg, PA, indoor horse show, and Reserve Champion at the Devon, PA, outdoor horse show, for two years in a row. These are two of the most prestigious shows in the nation. —C. Murray

Jennifer Ellen Crossland '86

MEMBER OF THE
HALL OF FAME



Jennifer Crossland and Bonnie Kestner at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Jen, Jenny, Jennifer—she goes by all three, and I'm never sure what to call her, except FAST. Jenny showed us her speed as recently as last year during the first alumnae swim meet, when she beat every swimmer past and present in the 50-meter breaststroke and helped our alumnae team tie the current swimmers.

In 1981, Jennifer Ellen Crossland applied early decision to Sweet Briar and was accepted. She began swimming with us in the fall of 1982. In March of her freshman year, she represented Sweet Briar in five events at the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division III Nationals. In the 50-yard breaststroke, Jenny entered the meet seeded 28th. In the preliminaries, she dropped 1.6 seconds and moved into third. With that determined look in her eye, Jenny told us she was going to win the event. She came very close! In the final heat, she dropped another three tenths of a second, capturing second place. Her time qualified her as an NCAA Division III All-American and put Sweet Briar on the map nationally that year.

Jenny consistently set records.

She still holds the school and pool record for the 100-meter breaststroke, and her 50-yard and 50-meter breaststroke records will probably never be broken. Her 100-yard breaststroke record stood for 16 years, and her 200-yard lasted for 17 years.

Jenny is a member of four of the Sweet Briar record-holding relays in yards and three in meters. She was the breaststroker on all of our medley relays and swam on the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays as well. She was a member of the 200-meter freestyle relay team that still holds our pool record.

Teammate Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel '87 reminded me of the team dinner at the close of Jenny's freshman year when we teased her for trying to miss practice. It seemed she constantly complained that something was hurt, and she could not exercise. But when meet time came, she would blow away the competition and set records left and right! Linda Mae remembers a gift we gave to Jenny: a doctor's kit with band aids, ace wraps, aspirin, and Pepto Bismol.

During her sophomore year, Jen was quite sick. To quote her mother, Linda Crossland,



Providence Hill Farm in Jackson, Mississippi

"The scenario of one event made me laugh, and I am sure the swimmers from other schools thought it was an act. Jenny would dive in, swim, pull herself halfway out of the water, lean on the edge of the pool, squirt her inhaler into her mouth, and finally drag herself from the pool. What was truly funny was that she had won!" At the end of that season Jen helped our 200-yard freestyle relay team capture 13th place at NCAA Division III Nationals.

Healthy and in good shape, Jen was stellar during her junior year. Sweet Briar defeated Division I Georgetown University in our own pool. We had tied them at Georgetown the previous year. In a newspaper article written at the conclusion of the dual meet season, I am quoted as saying about Jenny, "She is having the best year of her life!"

Jenny finished her Sweet Briar swimming career on a strong note. During her senior year she was ODAC Champion in the 100-yard breaststroke and part of two Sweet Briar and ODAC record-setting relays. These school records stand today. She also was the breaststroker on our 400-yard medley relay that placed 12th at NCAA Nationals, giving her All-American Honorable Mention recognition in her last race representing Sweet Briar.

Jenny excelled in the classroom as well as in the pool. A political economics major at Sweet Briar, she made the Dean's list, was a member of Phi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society, and was the recipient of the Whiteman Scholar-Athlete Award. After Sweet Briar, she attended the University of Richmond's School of Law where she was president of Phi Delta Phi, the nation's oldest legal fraternity.



Today, Jennifer is President of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association and a former Alumnae Club President for the Richmond, Virginia Club. Confident, mentally focused, a fierce competitor, 4-year varsity athlete, Division III All-American, a high achiever in the classroom, outstanding in her service and devotion to Sweet Briar, fun-loving, generous, and loyal friend, I can think of no one more deserving of being the first swimmer inducted to the Sweet Briar College Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jenny's good-luck swimming bear and other memorabilia commemorate her swimming success.

Please email your nominations to the Sweet Briar Athletics Hall of Fame to: Kelly Morrison, Athletic Director and Assistant Professor of Physical Education, morrison@sb.edu, or Jennifer Crispen, Associate Professor of Physical Education, crispen@sb.edu.

Samantha Brodlieb Platner '98: From Pink Bubble to Big Apple

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS



It seemed to take an eternity, but this past July at Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois Church in Paris, *Desperate Housewives* star Eva Longoria finally wed San Antonio Spurs player Tony Parker ... in an Angel Sanchez dress.

"It took me a year to get that placement!" said Samantha Brodlieb Platner '98, public relations manager for the Venezuelan designer whose evening and bridal gowns grace the covers of magazines and frames of the Hollywood elite.

"Angel designed her Emmy gown in 2005 and also her dresses for the Alma awards the past two years. I was always in contact with her stylist. Once I heard that Eva and Tony were

engaged I contacted her stylist to see if he wanted Angel to submit sketches."

Several months—and many sketches, meetings, swatches and fittings—later, the celebrity wedding went swimmingly with Longoria in an Angel Sanchez mermaid dress and Platner breathing a sigh of relief.

"Normally a custom couture gown comparable to hers takes many months to make but this dress was completed in three months," she said. "It took a full year of follow up and persistence to secure Angel designing the gown."

But that's what Platner does as the PR professional of a small design house in New York City's fashion district. She spends her days "running back and forth," working with celebrity stylists and magazine editors, producing fashion shows and photo shoots, updating the company Web site, and even writing a few press releases here and there.

When she graduated from Sweet Briar College with an Italian studies degree and a year in Florence under her belt, Platner planned to work in the fashion industry.



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"I had always really, really been interested in [the industry]," she said. "My sister [Jennifer Brodlieb Cacioppo '92] actually worked in the industry as well, so I remember during college coming home on break and visiting her and going to her office. I really liked the environment and pace of the industry."

Ten years later, the 30-year-old New Yorker is living her dream, working for Angel Sanchez and living on the Upper East Side with husband, John. Occasionally, she even shows up on the Big Apple's society pages.

When she arrived in New York fresh out of the Pink Bubble, the young Samantha Brodlieb worked as a receptionist at Prada. Being fluent in Italian helped, she said, crediting advisor and Italian professor Rosalia Ascari with teaching her the language and encouraging her to study abroad.

"She was really amazing," Platner said. "Obviously in my first job my Italian skills helped me tremendously. It's probably part of the reason I got the job because I was fluent in Italian, and she ... really influenced me to go away for a year, which was life-changing. It's really eye-opening."

Platner says the exposure she got through her junior year abroad and the confidence she gained at Sweet Briar have positively affected her career. She also says the intimate setting at the College has correlations in the fashion world, which she describes as a "very small community, and similar to Sweet Briar in that sense."

After six months at Prada, Platner went back to Italy, where she worked for a short time as an assistant booker for a modeling agency. Homesick for New York, though, she soon returned to the states and Prada, where she served as executive assistant to the vice president of advertising.

That's when she decided her future was in public relations. After working her way up to assistant of the Prada Men's and Sport lines, Platner accepted a position at The Gap as public relations coordinator for Old Navy.

She stayed there for two years, working in the children's and maternity markets. It was "very large, very corporate," she said, but also "really good exposure."

After leaving Old Navy, Platner did production for photo shoots, securing locations and photographers, and coordinating hair and makeup for the models. "I wanted to try something different because I had been in PR for a little while," she said.

But two years ago, she found herself missing public relations and saw an ad for PR manager at Angel Sanchez. "I read the job description in a trade Web site and it was my exact experience so I applied and got the job," she said.

Before she was hired, Angel Sanchez didn't have a PR person, let alone a PR department, so Platner has built the office from the ground up. With no assistants—the designer employs only about 20 people—she has had to rely on interns to take the edge off the workload.

That's where Sweet Briar re-enters the picture. "I actually contacted the career services center to say if any Sweet Briar students are interested, and they're going to be around New York during the summer. I'd definitely be looking for interns, and they can just forward me their résumé," she said.

Lucy Knaus '08 contacted Platner and spent four weeks last summer working with her at Angel Sanchez. Knaus worked on photo shoots and "lookbooks," did editorial analysis and sent gowns to celebrities and magazines.

"I really appreciate that Sam ... gave me a lot of daily responsibilities and asked for

my opinions and help on a lot of important projects," Knaus wrote in an essay following her internship. "I do believe that her interns ... do a lot of the day-to-day duties."

"I learned a lot about what it's like to work in New York City and how competitive the industry is. Completing this internship made me realize how much I enjoy working with other people and also that the majority of the people working in the fashion industry started at the bottom and had to work their way up."

"It is a very elastic industry—there is always the expectation of promotion as long as one is a responsible and hardworking individual. I couldn't have had a better internship experience."

Platner appreciated the assistance and the opportunity to mentor a future Sweet Briar alumna. "[Lucy] was a great help," she said. "It was nice to have a Sweet Briar student. I have interns from FIT and Parsons, but it was special to have a Sweet Briar student. We have a connection."

When asked if she'd like to have more Sweet Briar interns, Platner was quick to answer: "Definitely. I would love to have another one this summer."

In the meantime, though, Platner presses on as the PR department for Angel Sanchez. The hours are long, the days are crazy, but she loves her job and the responsibilities that come with it.

"I'm responsible for a ton," she said. "That includes advertising, and I also work extremely close with the designer, and his schedule is super busy with meetings and designing."

"The design studio is on the sixth floor and I'm on the ninth floor, so it really involves leadership every day because often I just have to make decisions for him on his behalf, and lead."



Katherine Plevitzky '93: The Story of a Sweet Briar Marine

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS



Katherine Irene Plevitzky '93 became a Marine on Aug. 13, 1994, the day she graduated from Officer Candidate School at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia.

Her parents, Serge and Gege Plevitzky, were there. As they watched their smartly uniformed daughter receive her

commission, Gege Plevitzky let go of long-held reservations about Katherine's military vocation—a path she had stuck to since she was about 10 years old.

"This really fits you," Mrs. Plevitzky told the brand-new second lieutenant as soon as she had the chance.

"My mother was telling me I found my calling, not just a job to clock in to from nine to five," Plevitzky said, recalling the conversation.

"I always hope that young women going through college—especially at Sweet Briar—pursue a career that gives them a sense of accomplishment. Their career choice should be a positive contribution to society, not just earning a paycheck."

As a leader, Plevitzky stresses being true to oneself. At Sweet Briar, an environment rife with opportunities to lead, she saw classmates who took charge Monday through Thursday "adjusting themselves to socially interact, to hang out with guys," on the weekend.

"It wasn't true across the board, but I did see that," she said. "There's just no reason to change the woman who is an incredible leader in the classroom and on campus during the week to somebody else on the weekend to impress the guys."

Trying to be someone you're not wouldn't fly in her job. "Marines can smell a façade a hundred miles away," said Plevitzky, who has risen to the rank of major.

She spoke by cell phone from her office in Baghdad, where she arrived in June for a one-year deployment. She works in the International Zone as the executive officer to the commanding general of the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, U.S.

Army Maj. Gen. Michael D. Jones. CPATT's mission is to advise and assist Iraq's Ministry of the Interior in building its police forces.

Plevitzky's military occupation specialty—her MOS—is communications officer. Ordinarily her job is setting up radio, satellite, and wire communications systems to enable field units and their commands to talk or send data in any environment.

Her home base is 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California, where last year she commanded the nearly 300 troops of 1st Marine Division Communications Company. She considers the post one of the best assignments of her career.

When she was given the command, it had a "particular reputation," she said, diplomatically. But within a year, the Corps' communications headquarters had hand-picked her company to develop new instruction and to be the "test bed" for new equipment slated for use by all Marine communications units. They also were tapped to train the units based in Southern California.

She and Sgt. Maj. Peter A. Hall, who was her first sergeant at the time, achieved that recognition through "elbow grease," she said. "The first three months were focused on reinforcing discipline and communications training. The company needed to be reminded that they were a team, not a group of individuals."

They went for field training for a week at a time, "setting up communications architecture, making sure it works, taking it down, moving it, setting it up again. For an Infantry Division Headquarters, this is no small job," Plevitzky said.

During that time, she drew on her own six months at The Basic School, the next step for all USMC lieutenants after Officer Candidate School. At TBS, every officer—regardless of future specialty—is trained to be an infantry platoon commander.

Because the Corps emphasizes unit cohesion, Plevitzky makes no allowance for gender. "If I tried to separate myself as something other than a Marine and say, well I'm a female and here's what I do as a female, then I separate myself from the team."

To lead Marines, be competent in your specialty, be confident, train them well and make sure they understand the mission objective, she said. "Marines respect a leader

who is true to their word, leads by example, and always remembers: Accomplish the mission and take care of your Marines."

During her career, Plevitzky has traveled abroad, serving six months in support of the U.S. mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1996—a post that allowed her to explore Europe when she was on leave. In 1998 she deployed to Kuwait with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit during Operation Desert Fox. She also earned a master's in business administration from Boston University.

Her decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

You have to want the life of a military officer to succeed, Plevitzky said. But if there are SBC women who feel called to do it, she wants them to know they can.

"It's an awesome experience to lead Marines," she said.



Katherine Plevitzky receives a care package from the United States.

Serving in Baghdad's International Zone, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Katherine Plevitzky '93 has seen an outpouring of support from Americans for troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It comes in the form of letters and care packages from ordinary people addressed to any soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine.

"Whether they agree with why we're here or they disagree, they support the troops," Plevitzky said. "It is greatly appreciated."

If you want to add your voice, go to AmericaSupportsYou.mil, an official Web site of the Department of Defense.

Frances G. Laserson '70: First President of The Moody's Foundation

Frances Griffith Laserson, vice president, Corporate Communications at Moody's Corporation, and president of The Moody's Foundation, lives amidst the large-scale excitement of New York City's corporate community. Surrounded by skyscrapers and taxis in the heart of the city's financial district, Moody's is a 100-year-old company employing 3,400 people throughout the world.

Fran's career success began with her positive experience at Sweet Briar and liberal arts education. Though a sociology major, Fran comments: "I recall classes with Dr. Ernest Edwards who taught ecology, field biology, and ornithology. I am still a birdwatcher and keep binoculars and a *Peterson's Guide to Birds* on hand to identify what visits our birdfeeder. My favorite SBC memories revolve around individual friendships: playing on the field hockey team, spending time with my fellow QV's, planning events with the Social Committee, step singing ... and walking to Guion early in the morning."

After graduation, Fran moved to Manhattan during a time when "Wall Street was [just] beginning to discover the business value in employing women," Fran says. She joined the Chemical Bank Management Training Program, which had only seven women in its large trainee class.

Undaunted, Fran gained experience in the financial realm that took her to her next job with Moody's Investors Service. As a fixed income securities analyst, "I managed public finance ratings in the Midwest ... and was a member of the rating committee that assigned credit ratings to state and local governments, nonprofit hospitals, utilities, colleges and universities," Fran said.

During her tenure as a financial analyst, Fran was diagnosed with cancer. "[It] sidetracked my career," she commented. "I took 11 years off to regain my health and devote time to raising my two daughters and volunteering within my community." At this time, Sweet Briar stepped back into Fran's life. She became a member of the Sweet Briar Board of Overseers, now the board of directors.

"I joined the board just after my second daughter was born and served for eight years, participating on the marketing and development committees and chairing the enrollment committee."

Fran's experience on the board and with other similar volunteer work enabled her to transition back into the workforce

with ease. "By September 1994, I felt that the window of opportunity was closing for reestablishing a professional career. I prepared a 'functional' résumé that focused on the skills I had gained through volunteer work: marketing communications, strategic planning, and program management to counterbalance my hiatus from the workforce. I approached Moody's as an independent marketing consultant." Fran's self-confidence, determination, and past experience earned her management positions first in Marketing and then in Corporate Communications, "a substantial shift from my prior analytical position ... but one that hearkened back to my initial interest in sociology at Sweet Briar."

As leader of Corporate Communications for Moody's, she developed a corporate philanthropy program. "[This was] an assignment that called upon all the skills I had acquired in the volunteer sector." She became the first president of The Moody's Foundation in 2002, overseeing the firm's charitable giving programs and community affairs. "In 2008, I will transition to managing the corporate social responsibility program full time and exploring the possible expansion of the company's philanthropic efforts beyond the U.S. and the UK to other countries where our businesses are growing."

Fran enjoys the challenge of creating a corporate giving program with new partnerships and community activities that mold a pipeline of talent and diversity for future Moody's employees. "Having the opportunity to develop and fine-tune a strategic corporate giving program from scratch has been immensely rewarding," Fran says. "Branded community programs can create a positive public image and position a company as a committed corporate citizen and leader in its field. Corporate philanthropy is about 'doing good,' but it is also about the use of shareholders' dollars to support corporate strategy. Balancing both objectives is satisfying work." One such community program is the Moody's Mega Math (M³) Challenge, an internet-based competition for high school students awarding scholarships to those who demonstrate excellence in their understanding of mathematics and modeling. "This year, CNBC featured the competition on *Wall Street Report* as an example of a corporation's successful effort to interest high school students in math and careers in financial services," explained Fran.

In her community, Fran serves on the executive committee of the board of trustees



of New York Downtown Hospital. With the chief medical officer, she co-chairs the Quality Council, responsible for maintaining and improving patient care. She is a member of the board of trustees of Prep for Prep, "an organization that develops the leadership potential of able young people from segments of society grossly under-represented in today's leadership pool." She serves on the board of her high school alma mater, Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey, and was recently elected president of the board of trustees of The Brick Presbyterian Church of New York. She is also a member of the Gender & Policy Program Advisory Board for the School of International & Public Affairs, Columbia University, and the task force for The Center for Work-Life Policy examining "The Hidden Brain Drain: Women and Minorities as Unrealized Assets."

When asked what advice she would give to young alumnae and students at Sweet Briar, Fran said: "Start volunteering right away. There are special kinds of leadership skills that are developed through service to others, skills that become useful in business and for life, in general ... Regardless of context, [whether] volunteering in the community or having a professional career, attitude determines experience. Asking for more responsibility and taking on assignments that may initially put you outside your comfort zone will develop the experience and the habits that will define your personal style of leadership."—C. Murray

Nicole File '95: Senior Editor for CNN

JANIKA CAREY '09, ENGLISH MAJOR



Landing the perfect job takes a lot of skill, but sometimes there is some luck involved, too. When Nicole File '95 went to Atlanta during spring break of her senior year to interview for a job at a law firm, she never thought the trip would eventually lead her to a job at CNN.

It was by accident that the North Carolina native walked into a random office building, where she encountered a headhunter agency owned by two Sweet Briar alumnae—and sisters at that. The women wanted to see her résumé and liked it immediately.

A few months after graduation, Nicole was offered a one-day assignment at Turner Entertainment in Atlanta, which turned into a permanent job. When the company underwent drastic structural changes in several departments, Nicole decided to look for another position. She responded to a posting with CNN and was hired right away.

Looking back, Nicole was amazed at how beneficial her contributions to the *Sweet Briar News* (now *The Voice*) were in getting her the job as editor. "I really thought people wouldn't know this small women's college, but they do," she said, adding that CNN was impressed that she had worked for a newspaper at all. "The experience of assigning stories, researching, interviewing,

writing, and editing meant I was already familiar with those tasks when they came up in my work," she explained. "I'm referring as much to the 'people skills' and 'leadership' parts as to the specific technical aspects of writing and editing. Also, organizing a product with a specific audience in mind was helpful later when I would work on shows with a certain demographic."

Nicole added that her English and creative writing education at Sweet Briar was not only superior to writing programs at other schools, but it also prepared her especially well for her current position as a senior editor.

"When I first started at CNN, people would ask me, 'where did you learn to write so pretty?'" said Nicole, who specialized in poetry and fiction. She explained that professors at SBC taught her to "write something that was true, even if it was fiction." John Gregory Brown, Mary Oliver, and other English professors helped her to develop an eye for the important parts of a story, and she also learned not to overstate facts.

"Just because somebody drops a bomb, you can't call it a war," Nicole said with regard to her job at CNN.

As a control room editor, Nicole is responsible for the final edits of a show before it goes on air. During the show, Nicole updates and edits news bites as they come in—these are what we read on the scrolling ribbon at the bottom of our TV screen.

Though Nicole's job has required her to be a leader at certain times, the current situation is somewhat different.

"We're a team of leaders," she explained, saying that she is equally ranked with producers, executives, and supervisors.

Working without clear hierarchies has its advantages, but of course there's a downside too: "When something goes wrong, you're not the only one to blame; but if you have a good idea, you have to convince everybody first," Nicole said.

Nicole defines good leadership as a willingness to experience things from the perspective of those you are leading. She calls this "servant leadership," and explained: "The good leaders I know defend those they lead, [they] hire—or don't fire—the occasional unlikely candidate, and are willing to try an unorthodox idea, knowing their own careers depend on the outcome. In my experience, they almost always have a better record overall. But leaders need support from their own leaders, and from those they lead ... even

when they make a bad call." Nicole believes that a strong leader should think creatively, challenging and supporting her team at the same time. This also means that leaders forgive mistakes.

"Our culture does away with that more and more now," said Nicole, explaining her views that success has become too much of a focus in our society. "I think the pool of people who think like good leaders is shrinking. I'm blessed to work in one of the last bastions of good news leadership."

Despite the fact that gender equality is still not completely achieved in many work places, Nicole said that she has never felt that, as a woman, she couldn't do something.

"CNN is one of the best places to work for women," she said, estimating that about half of the employees are women. "But I'm not sure about management positions," she admitted. CNN's policy provides a maternity plan, and the flexible shifts allow mothers to spend time with their children during the day.

Nicole considers her experience at Sweet Briar valuable to her strong self esteem: "I was actually quite a tomboy when I came to Sweet Briar, and I left as something more of a lady, but also more of a feminist."

Nicole said that going to a women's college made her aware of the great aspects of women. "Strong women are different from strong men," she explained, saying that Sweet Briar gave her a different perspective on women and leadership.

"Before [I came to Sweet Briar] I thought I had to be more like a man to be successful," Nicole said. "I learned you can be a woman and be just as accomplished."

In her free time, Nicole tutors first-grade Hispanic students at her church, helping them with their homework because many of the parents don't speak English. "I'm both a mentor and a tutor," Nicole said. She also volunteers on Sweet Briar's newly formed English and creative writing advisory council. The council is available to help guide students in their specific career goals.

Nicole said she is very content, but is also exploring new things at the moment, such as reporting and freelance writing. "There are many possibilities in my current job to do something different," Nicole said.

When asked what advice she had for current Sweet Briar students interested in journalism, Nicole had a simple answer: "Learn to write!"

Nicole Streeter '94: A Director at Heart

"It takes courage to push yourself to places you have never been before ... to test your limits ... to break through barriers. And the day will come when the risk it takes to remain tight inside the bud is more painful than the risk it takes to blossom." A quote by French author Anaïs Nin is found at the bottom of each email Nicole sends. When speaking with her, it becomes apparent that a philosophy of determination and responsibility, a passion for challenges, and a respect for the beauty of change are a part of her everyday existence.

"Everybody's route is different," says Nicole Streeter '94, the new executive director of the Houston Texans Foundation, an NFL franchise with a mission to be champions for youth. A career path forked by change, opportunity, and a range of interests led her to adopt this mantra. She was motivated from a young age to plan for a professional life. At 14, Nicole volunteered at The University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, the leading cancer treatment center in the nation and "the pride of Houston." When it came time for college, all roads pointed to Sweet Briar. Close friend LaQuinta Donatto '92 already attended SBC and encouraged Nicole to apply. A College representative gave a winning presentation at her high school, and soon after, an interview at the home of Natalie Hoyt '72 showed Nicole that she was destined to become a Sweet Briar woman.

Aware of her African American heritage, Nicole arrived at SBC in fall of 1990 with a mission to express her views about tolerance and acceptance. She seized every opportunity to address the issue of diversity on campus. As president of the Unity Club, she helped to host diversity forums and became part of an organization titled New Leadership under faculty advisor Helen Beckstrom. "It was a challenging time on Sweet Briar campus," Nicole stated, "We had students sitting on the lawn of the library protesting issues related to diversity." Many of these protests and leadership initiatives resulted in Women and Gender Studies at Sweet Briar, which has a focus on women's leadership.

Nicole received her bachelor's degree in psychology from SBC and moved back to Houston. "My first job was as a clinical case manager at the Community Partners Adolescent Clinic. We saw 300 or more adolescent obstetric patients per week." Nicole felt very much out of the Pink Bubble as she dealt with crisis intervention, preliminary psychiatric assessments, and referrals. "It was my first encounter with a pregnant nine-year-old," she revealed. "It opened my eyes to teenage pregnancy in Houston and in general." As Nicole gained experience, she felt

called down the path to become a doctor in order to help untangle some of the problems she was seeing for the first time.

"It's important to demonstrate that the route to your goal is not always a straight line. It is definitely a journey," Nicole said. Always open to opportunities in her path, she realized that dreams often change as they are followed. Several pursuits in the direction of health care revealed her strong talent and passion for fundraising.

Nicole married in 2001 and enrolled in the University of Texas School of Public Health with the long-term goal of becoming a doctor. While at UT, the leadership skills and self-confidence that she gained at Sweet Briar came into play. Nicole became strongly invested in community research, yet found that funding was necessary and limited. UT did not offer any classes in writing grants and proposals, yet posted on the student affairs bulletin board was a flyer advertising the Jane Adams Fellowship for Philanthropy for undergraduates. It didn't take her long to place an inquiry about graduate student fellowships. "A secretary told me I had just two weeks to apply," she remembers. Nicole was accepted under the William Randolph Hearst Fellowship for the two-year program in philanthropy. "It completely turned my life around." She worked at the Center of Philanthropy and attended classes that changed the course of her career. During internships and loaned executive opportunities, Nicole "worked at the YMCA Urban mission, helped with strategic planning, assisted with board development, and led the donor solicitation program." She also received the Bentz-Whaley Flessner Fellowship while at the Center, which allowed her to be appointed as a loaned executive with the National Medical Association (NMA).

After her work at the Center, Nicole switched gears from health care and medical school all together. She became the director of alumni affairs and alumni giving at Martin University in Indianapolis. This was "a great opportunity for me to become a director," says Nicole.

After several years, Nicole took a job as project director of the World Health Organization (WHO). Collaborating Center for Supportive Cancer Care at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Her experience as alumni director at Martin allowed her to delve confidently into her position as an administrative leader in strategic fund development. "I provided administrative direction, solicited major gifts, prepared proposals for foundation solicitations, and established national and international research



collaborations on health policy for supportive cancer care. I organized conferences across the country for pain and supportive care physicians, pharmaceutical representatives, and FDA officials to discuss the implications and efficacy of pipeline pain medications."

The word about Nicole's capabilities as a project director of the WHO sparked interest in the Houston community. When the director of the Houston Texans Foundation stepped down, Nicole was offered the job and took it, seeing a new opportunity to fundraise for another good cause.

In her community, Nicole sits on the board of Girls, Inc. "This organization is interested in making a positive, measurable impact in young girls' lives," Nicole says. "Girls, Inc. program coordinators go into underserved communities and provide girls with hands-on experiences that enable them to build confidence and develop their own authentic identity." As a board member, she also serves as a mentor for the girls.

According to Nicole, Sweet Briar offered her a foundation that enabled her to pursue the path of her choice. Sweet Briar taught her to pivot on a dime, to change course as life persuaded. Nicole reminisced about a trip to Sweet Briar: "Recently, LaQuinta Donatto and I were driving by the Sweet Briar barn and saw the horses in the field. As a student, I never rode, but now I love horses! I wish I had ... taken a riding course for fun. Students should take advantage of every opportunity in which they have an interest. They have no idea where life might take them. It's important to make opportunities of your own! Find your authentic voice, your passion, and enjoy the journey." —C. Murray

Cathy Packard '73: Serving Her Community



Above: Cathy enjoys her work and is laughing at a board breakfast with Milton Levy, one of the founders of Special Care and Career Services.

Top: Expanding Worlds Luncheon, October 2007. L-R: Cathy smiles with Ramya and Tulasi Ponnuswamy, mother with an ECI client, and Sharon Herrin.

I realized how fulfilling and important it is to promote beneficial advancements in society.

In 1969 the Beatles released *Abbey Road*, the United States was at war in Vietnam, and men took their first steps on the moon. In a time of protests and riots, of political unrest and social change, Cathy Rasmussen traveled eastward from Pearl Harbor onto Sweet Briar campus, a place where her family knew she would be safe from the campus turmoil reported in the news. Cathy says Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France program sealed the deal for her to attend a college on the other side of the country. Cathy also had several Sweet Briar graduates already in the family: her mother, Dolly Clark '50, and aunts Jane Black Clark '56, and Lynn Clark '61.

Cathy Rasmussen Packard '73, now executive director of a successful nonprofit corporation, views herself then as a different kind of student leader. "I wasn't a leader like my mother," she says, "who was 'Miss Everything' and May Queen [when she attended Sweet Briar]." For Cathy, leading was not about being dubbed president. It was, and still is, about rallying behind issues that she believes are important. "When I see a cause, I like to support it," says Cathy.

As a student, establishing the Career Center at Sweet Briar was a cause that Cathy embraced enthusiastically. When she began volunteering there, "it was just a bookshelf." She took the lead in helping to start the first fundraising campaign for a new center. Local boutiques loaned outfits to parade in a fashion show fundraiser that she organized. Letters Cathy drafted garnered support, and one earned a significant reply gift of \$1,000, an impressive achievement for a sophomore.

After graduating from Sweet Briar with a degree in International Affairs, Cathy moved to Washington D.C. and staffed for Congressman Burt L. Talcott from Monterey, California. During her one and a half years on his staff,

she was in charge of organizing a high school student leadership program. Talented students visited federal establishments in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington D.C. "This was before leadership programs were 'the thing,'" remembers Cathy. She introduced them to senators, members of the Supreme Court, and the president's executive staff. While working for Talcott, Cathy would slip away to the Watergate hearings during lunch breaks. "Even though I didn't agree with them, [the men on trial] spoke with extraordinary dignity in front of senators and aides on TV. [They were] very capable men who made choices that got them into trouble. It was an important lesson to not forget your core values." For Cathy, the first year out of college was "eye-opening and exciting, filled with good news and bad news as Vietnam was winding down and difficult choices had to be made [regarding] the first war we weren't going to win."

Married and no longer staffing for Congressman Talcott, Cathy moved to Dallas, Texas; became a mother to daughters Kelly, Lynn, and Christie; and focused her leadership efforts on YMCA sports coaching and school activities. Membership in the Junior League exposed her for the first time to nonprofit organizations. With the League's support, she re-entered the workforce.

Always at the forefront of change, Cathy was fascinated with rapidly advancing computer technology. Apple had just released its first desktop in 1978. In 1983, Cathy volunteered for the Center for Nonprofit Management, one of the top five management assistance centers of its type, to help nonprofits create personalized fundraising letters using this new technology. "Junior League training showed me how to build and manage a database, create a letter in WordStar, and use the computer for more than just letters. The positive impact on nonprofit staff students and the power that new technology gave them was breathtaking," said Cathy.

She went on to market her skills to executives, most of whom were men, unwilling to take classes with secretaries who already knew how to type. "I realized how fulfilling and important it is to promote beneficial advancements in society."

After twenty years in a successful career of marketing and selling technology-based products, the feeling of "Wow, I want to find a way to do this again," resonated with her. She left the for-profit arena and went back to The Center for Nonprofit Management as director of Technology Services. Working

there, Cathy was determined to make a difference, and she did just that with the launch of low-cost training and services for nonprofits and a technology fair that is now part of an annual all-topic fair for nonprofits in Dallas, Texas.

In November of 2005, Cathy was recruited to be the executive director of Special Care & Career Services (SCCS). After researching the agency, she found that it perfectly matched another lifelong goal of hers to care for those with disabilities. Its two programs, Early Childhood Intervention, which provides therapies to babies with delays and disabilities, and Supported Employment Services, which employs adults with disabilities, allow Cathy to help individuals reach their maximum potential in school and life. She is able to help "place people in good jobs – real jobs."

Cathy has been executive director for nearly two years. In that time the organization's adult program has grown 110 percent, beating all-time job placement records and gaining recognition from state and local leaders. SCCS has added 14 new employers for people with disabilities. According to professional studies, this program not only benefits the employee, but also the company, immediate community, and the nation at large. Cathy credits her team for this outstanding progress.

"I'm not interested in leading just to lead or be in charge. I have to be passionate about the results I can help to achieve. I use the book *Good to Great* by James Collins as a guide. Effective leadership is about picking the best people and building a great team, cultivating your own replacements and allowing your people the freedom and support to be successful in their jobs. I ask God every day to help me make wise decisions and to remember the ability to lead is just another trait necessary to the team ... but never more important than the team. I also feel privileged to have a Sweet Briar education. It is a critical component to believing I can go toe-to-toe with anyone, male or female, and to building a can-do and will-win attitude."

Among Cathy's professional activities and memberships, she has served as president of The Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled, what she considered "a boutique agency in a Wal-Mart world." She made their acquisition by United Cerebral Palsy of Dallas (UCP) possible, which helped the program stay alive. A past UCP board vice president of development, she received the UCP Volunteer of the Year Award in 2005. Cathy is a founding member and president-elect of a brand new Alliance of Agency Executives Serving People with Disabilities that has grown to more than 20 dues-paying agency members in one year. Cathy is also chair of the more targeted Supported Employment Coalition that has launched a local job bank and contract job coach list.

Cathy advises young professionals seeking leadership positions "to represent a cause, product, or initiative that you believe in" regardless of power and fame. "Secondly," she continues, "be a contributing member of a great team. Be clear in what you want to achieve, be mindful of other people's time, perform your assignments to the best of your ability, and don't be afraid to take challenges when they are presented to you—then you'll naturally rise to a leadership position in a form that suits you and best serves your community."

—C. Murray

SBC Development VP Wins ATHENA Award

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER
COLLEGE RELATIONS

Heidi Hansen McCrory, vice president for development at Sweet Briar College, was presented a 2007 ATHENA Award Oct. 23 by the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and the CENTRA Foundation.

The award was presented at the annual Women of Worth Luncheon, held at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center in Lynchburg during National Business Women's Week, Oct. 21–27.

According to the ATHENA International Web site, the award recognizes professional women who "demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business profession," "provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community," and "actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential."

The ATHENA Award is presented each year by women's organizations, chambers of commerce and universities all over the world. Since 1982, more than 5,000 women in 500 communities have been honored.

McCrory was one of 15 professional women nominated from the Lynchburg area. As a winner of a local award, she is eligible for the International ATHENA Award, to be presented in the spring.

McCrory was nominated by her employees in the development office, both for her work at Sweet Briar as well as her volunteer efforts in the community. "The development office is very proud that Heidi won this award," Sheila Alexander, development communications coordinator, said. "It is a small reflection of how much we appreciate her."

In nominating their boss, development employees praised McCrory for "being an excellent role model, not just because her position dictates respect," adding that she "earns our respect by working just as hard—if not harder—than anyone on her team. She is supportive of us in our jobs and in all our endeavors and encourages each of us to explore what makes us happy and to strive to reach our personal goals."

Among other things, in addition to heading up the College's fundraising efforts, McCrory is active in the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, where she is chair of the board of directors; a parent volunteer for the E.C. Glass High School Theatre, and a member of the Emerson College Parents Leadership Council.

She also has been a speaker and workshop leader at various professional conferences, including the Virginia Community Colleges Chancellor's Annual Planning Retreat, Virginia Senior Leadership Seminar for Women in Higher Education, Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld also commended McCrory in a letter to the chamber of commerce.

"Throughout the time I have known her," she wrote, "I have been amazed at Heidi McCrory's energy and her dedication to strengthening the community. ... Still, as busy as she is, it is Heidi who remembers people's birthdays, and who takes the initiative to find ways to show those around her how much she values them."

"She is a good friend to many, many people across our community, and a wonderful role model for the girls and young women with whom she comes in contact through her work with the Girl Scouts and at Sweet Briar. She is without question one of Lynchburg's most noteworthy women of worth."



Heidi Hansen McCrory, vice president for development wins the renowned ATHENA Award for excellence in her profession.

Leadership

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Sweet Briar College *Leadership Certificate Program*

JOAN LUCY, DIRECTOR OF THE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Recommended by the Shape of the Future study, the Sweet Briar Board of Directors agreed that a leadership program was vital to a healthy college campus. The Sweet Briar Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) was created and developed in 2005 and is a three phase program open to all students. It combines academic and experiential learning that develops an understanding of the theory and foundations of leadership; fosters personal skills such as communication and ethical decision making; and teaches the organizational skills necessary to work well with others and to motivate groups working toward a common goal. By the end of the 2005–2006 academic year, 24 students were participating in the program. As of fall 2007, 23 students are enrolled in Phase III, 18 students in Phase II, and 32 students in Phase I!

LCP

Mission Statement

The Sweet Briar College Leadership Certificate Program prepares women to become engaged and influential members of a world community. Through a network of on- and off-campus mentors, students are empowered to learn to lead with integrity through participation in a program that combines academic and experiential learning focused on the foundations of leadership, individual personal development, and organizational theories.

Program Overview

Participation in the program is a commitment that spans a student's entire on-campus career. Each phase is completed in one academic year, yet exceptions are made that allow students to study abroad or participate in other special programs. Students who complete all phases receive a certificate at graduation; however, they may complete just one or two phases and still receive recognition for that particular phase(s). Transfer students who demonstrate that they have begun a similar program at another institution may participate.

Students begin Phase I by being a part of the Leaders: Emerging and Achieving Program (LEAP). LEAP meets weekly and provides exploration leadership concepts, self-awareness, and may include a community project. Students may participate in LEAP without intending to complete the Certificate Program.

Each program phase includes:

- Successful completion of the previous phase(s).
- Regular meetings with the LCP Director. These sessions include the study of theoretical foundations, readings, discussions, and presentations. Recent presentations include: Youth, Innovation and Development: A Global Perspective; report on attendance at the National Collegiate Leadership Conference at the

University of Arizona; and reflection on leadership defined by Machiavelli.

- Attending events with an educational or cultural component outside of class requirements. Recent opportunities have included Ambassador Bushnell's Founders' Day speech and sessions with students, the PowerShift conference addressing climate change held in Washington D.C., and the on-campus Fall Gospel Festival sponsored by Sweet Briar's new minority group ONYX.
- Participating actively in at least two team-oriented activities. Students are encouraged to take leadership roles in these activities in Phase II, and Phase III requires that the student assume a leadership role for at least one activity.
- Completion of 12 credit hours from approved classes that have a focus on leadership. Courses which meet the Leadership Certificate Program requirement must do one or more of the following: introduce concepts relevant to leadership; enhance leadership skills; give students opportunities to take a leadership role in a collaborative project.
- Attend the on-campus Student Leadership Conference each spring. Participants in Phases II and III have the opportunity to help plan and implement all aspects of the conference.
- Maintain a record of leadership activities and classes and evaluate the ways in which she has molded her concept of leadership and its challenges.
- Write a reflective essay exploring her definition of leadership and how it has changed over the course of the year. She will explore the connections between her course work and individual experiences.

All students enrolled have reported that they find the program is valuable to their college experience and to their future, and all plan to complete the certificate. Our first group of students to complete the program will graduate and receive their certificates this May—Congratulations!

Unit one Students Say...

"I'm lucky that Sweet Briar has this program... the things we do and study in the Leadership Program help tie it all together... this program is truly my number one interest at Sweet Briar."

—Anne Lojek '08, LCP III

"The Leadership Certificate program has been a blessing and a challenge because of the nature of my major and minor. I was fortunate in my choice to pursue the education program because the classes I needed to take fit quite nicely with the Leadership Certificate requirements. The Leadership Certificate Program has allowed me to invest time and energy into personal development along with my other educational goals, something which I fear I might not have made time for otherwise. In previous years, especially in Phase I, I really enjoyed the chance to bond with other members of the Sweet Briar community that were not entrenched in the departments I mainly work within. We were able to compare our respective workloads and be comforted that we were not crazy to pursue so much. The type of student who becomes involved in the LCP is often an overachiever already, and to make friends with other overachievers is a nice lifeline at times. This year in Phase III the focus shifted a bit to a more personal development. I especially enjoyed the mini-workshops that have been incorporated into Phase III on useful skills such as public speaking and time management. The community we have built within the program has been a very tangible reminder of why I came to Sweet Briar in the first place. I feel at home with the other members, most of whom I rarely see and may not have ever become acquainted otherwise."

—Emily Clifton '08 LCP III

"One of the best decisions I have made while at Sweet Briar was being part of the Leadership Certificate Program. This program has enabled me to combine my leadership roles both inside and outside of the classroom and apply them to real life situations. The requirements help hone important leadership skills such as verbal communication, organization, marketing, writing communication, and general problem solving. This program has also helped me to better understand different types of people and how to adjust myself in order to better utilize the skills that each individual person has to offer.

"Nobody said that being a leader was easy, but in order to be a good leader it is important to note that practice makes perfect. If you do not succeed at first it is imperative that you try, try again. This program helps guide you on how to be an effective leader not only inside the classroom or on campus, but also in the world at large."

—Caroline Chappell '09 LCP II

Leadership at Sweet Briar Today

KELLY KRAFT-MEYER, ASSOCIATE DEAN, CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) believes:

"Leadership is an inherently relational process of working with others to accomplish a goal or to promote change." CAS believes that all colleges should seek to develop a comprehensive program/opportunity that is purposeful, holistic, and consists of both curricular and co-curricular experiences. In addition, the program should be intentional, coherent, based on theories and knowledge, reflective of the demographics of the student population and responsive to the needs of those involved.

Coupling this national benchmark with George Dehne's¹ remarks that "leadership development has become a universal theme at most small colleges, but few have programs that would convince a prospective student that the institution is serious about leadership." However, Sweet Briar College has created a leadership program that is focused and comprehensive. "Leadership is a relationship between those who aspire to lead and those who choose to follow. In addition, leadership is found everywhere—offering hope, because there is a generation of leaders searching for opportunities to make a difference." Sweet Briar College's leadership program allows students to become involved and explore leadership in a way they choose to define it. There is not a one-size-fits-all formula. As a result, there are nine core elements to the current, yet ever evolving, leadership program.

New Student Orientation

Orientation exposes students to the wide array of possibilities they can become involved in to build and test their leadership interests and skills. Although this intensive program includes the basics of room assignments and course registration, it also:

- informs students of the numerous clubs, organizations, and groups on campus;
- familiarizes new students with local civic engagement and volunteer opportunities;
- exposes students to the structured Leaders, Emerging and Achieving Program (LEAP), which is also an integral part of the Leadership Certificate Program;
- expects students to take advantage of all the opportunities of interest to them, honing their skills and experiences;
- provides venues for the exchange of ideas, thoughts, opinions, and efforts.

First-Year Experience Program

The First-Year Experience Program is an intentionally designed comprehensive, curricular and co-curricular initiative that provides new students with opportunities and resources for making meaningful connections to the campus community. Students are introduced to a community that fosters a greater sense of self-knowledge, a heightened appreciation and respect for others, a commitment to life-long learning, and a supportive climate. This is done through professional staff support and guidance, student leaders living and learning with students in the first-year halls, and a variety of sponsored lectures, events, and programs focused on the transitional issues that new students face. The efforts of the First-Year Experience Program are ongoing as we help students develop their identity as women and as leaders for the future.

In 2001, the Houghton Mifflin Company and The National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students in Transition recognized Sweet Briar's First-Year Experience Program as one of ten outstanding first-year programs nationally.

Mission Statement of EXECUTIVE STUDENT LEADERS

To unite the Sweet Briar campus and promote positive community involvement and personal growth through a network of peer support and encouragement that exemplifies the standards of all Sweet Briar women.



New student orientation: Learning on the Land.

LEAP: Leaders, Emerging and Achieving Program

LEAP is a semester-long workshop that has taken on a variety of formats. Students have taken advantage of meeting weekly with a different leadership topic each week. The presenters have included faculty and staff who have discussed leadership theory, self-identity and development, ethics and values, balance, mediation and resolution, and more. Asking community members to participate also exposes students to campus resources. LEAP has utilized books as the common reading and foundation for the course from which the weekly units are based. Texts have focused on leadership lessons with humor, to an award-winning, historic non-fiction work (with the author speaking to the class), to a more scholarly work on the sole topic of leadership. An experiential component is built into the framework—whether a one-time volunteer day to a week-long spring break trip composed of civic engagement, history, and physical challenge.

The benefits to participating in LEAP include:

- the opportunity to earn a Leadership Certificate—a complement to their academic transcript;
- an understanding for the various theories/ languages of leadership;
- the chance to enhance their communication and interpersonal skills;
- compiling a reference notebook of leadership materials;
- development of critical thinking skills and engaging in the SBC community and forming a network of support.

Executive Student Leaders

There are currently 65 Executive Student Leaders who applied and were either selected or elected to represent Co-Curricular Life through a variety of leadership roles as para-professionals. To more fully represent a “real world” situation, these students were required to submit cover letters and résumés in lieu of traditional applications. As representatives

of the student body, these leaders play a crucial role in New Student Orientation, but more importantly, represent Co-Curricular Life throughout the academic year. They are held to a high standard of expectation and responsibility.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Each February, selected students are called forward to accept one of the most prestigious awards in the academic community—selection into Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. More than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia confer this exclusive honor. Nominations are encouraged and received from all community members: staff and faculty as well as students.

This award is given to outstanding Sweet Briar leaders for scholastic ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra curricular activities, and community service. In the 2006–2007 academic year, Sweet Briar inducted 20 of her best student leaders.

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)

In April 2004, SBC was granted a charter for the Circle of ODK. The initiation of this endeavor was co-sponsored by Co-Curricular Life, with campus support, and the vice president of the Student Government Association. The VP is in charge of promoting the importance of leadership amongst the students. Being affiliated with this nationally recognized honor society for leadership and being given the honor to wear the ODK key serves to:

- recognize individuals who have attained a high standard of leadership in collegiate activities and encourage them to aspire to higher achievements;
- bring together individuals that represent all facets of collegiate life and thus to create an organization that molds the sentiment of SBC on questions of local and inter-collegiate interests;

- mesh students, staff and faculty on a basis of mutual interests, understanding, and commitment.

Since its inception at Sweet Briar, more than 50 students and ten staff and faculty have been honored. ODK provides another means to recognize and encourage excellence in leadership where it is combined with excellence in academics—the basic premise of Co-Curricular Life.

Volunteerism and Civic Engagement

Many Sweet Briar students find that personal volunteerism and civic engagement is both enjoyable and rewarding. It also provides the opportunity to move beyond the bounds of the College into the larger community.

There are a number of ways to become involved. In addition to academic courses, the Career Services Center assists students with options related to internships/externships and other ways to combine their interests with the opportunity to help and serve others.

All clubs and organizations are required to complete community service projects. The director of Student Involvement and Programs and other College staff maintain contact with a variety of local organizations, which have civic engagement and volunteer focused projects.

Sweet Briar College’s Leadership Program recognizes differences amongst students and allows them to become involved to whatever degree, in whatever fashion they choose. The co-curricular life model fuses endless possibilities for out-of-classroom experiences with the far-reaching liberal arts education provided by our faculty. It is an ever-evolving process. The expectations placed upon the students regarding personal and social responsibility combined with Sweet Briar College’s mission help to develop the intellectual skills of our students and create a realm of leadership opportunities for students to take advantage of and make a difference.

1. Mr. George Delme of GDA Integrated Services, the firm selected to conduct market research for the SOF Committee

Leadership

Excerpts below are from an essay by President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld in a forthcoming volume of essays entitled *Educating Leaders for the Modern World*, Ronald Riggio, Michael Genovese, and Thomas Wren, eds., to be published this year.

Today, many colleges and universities are attempting to be intentional about developing leadership skills and abilities; a number of excellent programs in leadership studies have grown up just in the last two decades.... Almost every such program provides a strong foundational statement as to the value of broad study in the liberal arts. In fact, however, the curricula of today's finest leadership studies programs are not as broad as they could be. Steeped in the social sciences, psychology and anthropology, students are taught theories of group dynamics, the history of social movements, the development of public policy, and the skills of conflict resolution and change management. Little curricular attention is paid within these leadership programs themselves to the study of the arts (especially the doing of creative work), the humanities or the sciences. Most such programs trust that students will study within these disciplines by virtue of the general education courses required of all students. And yet it is in the arts that creativity (an essential characteristic of the best leaders) is nourished; in the humanities that communication skills (the sine qua non for all leaders) are honed; in the sciences that the most rigorous approaches to problem-solving (again, essential to leadership) are taught.

... Serious study of the arts, humanities, and sciences as well as the social sciences, when these subjects are well taught, insures the development of a deep understanding of the connectivity between disciplines—the integration of knowledge. One cannot understand the structure and development of music without understanding math, physics, chemistry, electronics, or without a knowledge of history, art, poetry or the conventions of theater. Musicians must be multi-lingual. Interdisciplinarity is, in other words, essential to the liberal arts—not a modern fad. One cannot study biology today without solid knowledge of physics, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, not to say environmental science and geography. To understand literature, one must be at least conversant with philosophy, history, theater, economics, art, and religion, and in many instances, psychology, sociology, economics and the sciences. A liberal arts education provides constant opportunities to make these connections, to integrate what students are learning in one discipline with what they learn in another, and with the wider world outside the classroom altogether. Creativity, and the ability to integrate, is regarded as a core skill in leadership. A good leader must be able to move nimbly from one discipline to another, drawing on everything and everyone that can be brought to bear on a given goal.

Teaching Leadership through Outdoor Adventure The Sweet Briar Outdoor Program

LAURA STAMAN, DIRECTOR OF OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Indiana Fletcher Williams stated in her intentions for the College that all students should have “physical and moral ... training ... to be useful members of society.” This concept speaks to what the outdoor program offers the students today. Following in the footsteps of programs such as Outward Bound and the National Outdoor Leadership School, the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP) has been providing “outdoor recreational opportunities that foster personal growth, responsibility, leadership, and environmental sensitivity” since 1980. “The SWEBOP trips have been a great test of my character,” says Sarah Doyle ’09.

Personal habits and reactions that go unnoticed in our everyday routines are revealed in the unfamiliar outdoor setting provided on SWEBOP trips. Through experiential learning and reflection, students begin to weave what they learn into their everyday lives. “SWEBOP has given me many leadership skills. I have learned how outlook can determine perception,” says Sara Rothamel ’09. SWEBOP uses as a reference, *Outdoor Leadership, Theory and Practice*, a book written by acclaimed adventurers Bruce Martin, Christine Cashel, Mark Wagstaff, and Mary Breunig. In their book, they say that an “outdoor setting provides a unique site for personal growth as well as process. Mastery alone can provide the motivation for change, but completing such a task in a unique physical and social environment

has been shown to have particularly strong effect. The goal is for this effect to last, which can only be accomplished if individuals are provided with knowledge of how to transfer their newfound learning into other contexts. ... The potential for lasting transformation in people's lives is what makes outdoor leadership such an exciting practice.” This is the philosophy we embrace at Sweet Briar as we teach our students transferable leadership skills through outdoor programs.

To SWEBOP, the wilderness is an outdoor laboratory for leadership training. On an adventure trip, participants are in an unfamiliar environment, and they have to work together to achieve goals such as setting up a camp, cooking a meal together, climbing a cliff face, or paddling down a river. Time is set aside for students to reflect on changing group dynamics and individual accomplishments and challenges. Skills are taught through experience, and as the group builds competencies in technical and relational skills, they show less need for the direction of professional staff. As they progress, students will lead others on outings of their own. The following excerpts are from current SWEBOP student instructors reflecting on their own outdoor leadership journeys.

“My attraction to and motivation within SWEBOP is the chance to lead students on successful trips that contribute to the personal growth of all parties involved. The fact that I have fun while doing it is just an added

Sara Rothamel '09 created this sticker sold as a fundraiser for a whitewater kayaking trip to South America. The sticker demonstrates the self-efficacy the students have gained as outdoor adventure leaders in what is still a male dominated field.

From *Learning Leadership Discipline by Discipline: Cultivating Metaphors for Leadership Through the Study of the Liberal Arts*. —Elisabeth Muhlenfeld

bonus. The outlet to use my skills to develop someone else's is welcomed and exciting for me. I am so fortunate to be able to pass on all that I have learned to participants and fellow instructors.

Being a SWEBOP instructor has also been an opportunity for me to demonstrate to myself that I am a capable leader. ... That confidence then translates itself into my actions as a leader and enables me to lead successful trips. One such excursion was the backpacking trip I co-led this fall without a non-student leader along to assist. Sarah Doyle and I led that group out of our own knowledge and skills, and it was a fantastic trip. What I am now seeing is that the participants didn't trust me to lead them up that mountain because I handed them a résumé and showed them my pay stubs. It wasn't because I was the one with the compass and first aid kit. They followed me because it was obvious that I believed that we could do it. I trusted myself, and they trusted me in return."—Rebecca Penny '09

"As a rambunctious first-year [student], I could not be counted on for much. I have grown so much as a leader in the outdoor program; I am now the person people depend on and ask for guidance."—Amanda Baker '09

"For me, SWEBOP was not about leadership, it was about caving, backpacking, camping, rafting, rock climbing, and (most importantly) kayaking. But on the first day of the Spring Break Rock Climbing trip last year, Laura, our director, made an analogy that being a leader was a lot like rock climbing. A comment which totally passed me by because, well, I wasn't a leader; I was simply the grunt work girl whose job it was to make sure that everyone had health forms and that all the pieces of the tents ended up in the right spot. But as the week went on the comment started to make more sense. As a leader you can only know so much. Just as you never really know what the hand and foot holds are going to be like on the rock, you never really know what mother nature or crazy participants are going to throw at you. You can set up good anchors and prepare yourself with knowledge for the trip, but as in rock climbing, you just have to go for it and trust that you really can reach that next ledge. Great leaders are the ones who can trust their set-up and co-leaders enough to take that risk. For me SWEBOP is about being that leader." —*Carlie Adams '10*

Leading Through Philanthropy

LAURA G. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL FUND

An important aspect of leadership is an understanding of the power of personal philanthropy. The Senior Class Campaign encourages seniors to discover the joy of giving through a year-long program of philanthropy education. This year's campaign theme is "Hope Everlasting" in memory of classmate Laura Jahnke, who passed away in February 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. Laura was a remarkable leader and a role model of selfless and joyful giving to everyone who knew her. As Campaign Chair Natalie Batman '08 states, "Laura left a legacy on our campus by giving of herself to others every day, and it is my hope that we can follow her example by making philanthropy and volunteering part of our lives, starting now."

The Senior Class kicked off their campaign with a celebration announcing their goals to raise \$4,000 as a class gift in 2008 and pledge \$6,000 for 2009 as young alumnae. President Muhlenfeld addressed the class with a message about Sweet Briar's legacy of giving. Annual Fund Chair Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 challenged the class to support their campaign and vowed to make a personal commitment of \$7,500 to the class gift if the seniors reach 75 percent participation.

Laura Jahnke's parents, Doug and Merilee Jahnke, were special guests of the Senior Class. Mr. Jahnke's remarks on Laura's incredible spirit of giving follow. Laura's spirit lives on in her classmates, and the Class of 2008 is poised to make a transformational difference for Sweet Briar through a lifetime of philanthropic leadership.



Seniors Allison Carr, Diana Simpson, and Jenn Doherety enjoy the campaign kickoff.



Annual Fund Chair Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 sits with seniors Natalie Batman and Liz Killiam during SBC lunch hour to promote the Hope Everlasting campaign.



Senior Class Campaign Committee Members celebrate the campaign kickoff. L-R: Cat Cox, Ellie Donahue, and Whitney Tawler





Laura Jahnke

Remarks by Doug Jahnke

Merilee and I would like to thank the senior class for including the memory of our wonderful daughter, Laura, as a significant component of this year's fundraiser. While I am delivering the message this evening, please know that Merilee and I collaborated in developing this message so the thoughts shared this evening are from both of us.

Also know that Laura was a very generous and giving person in all ways and would have been honored that the Senior Class is thinking of her as they give to a worthwhile cause. Sweet Briar was a special place to Laura, and by extension it has become so to us as well, and the memories of her time here and the times we have visited will be with us always.

From childhood Laura always put other individuals' needs in front of her own. She would not only listen when others were dealing with tough issues, but she had great insight into helping them, usually in commonsense ways that left everyone feeling good. She would not only see problems in the world that needed attention, but she would do something about them to the extent she was able.

Giving was an inherent part of Laura's structure of beliefs that she expressed at an early age. When we decided as a family to get a dog, there wasn't much discussion about where we should search for the right one. We all felt that finding a dog at the humane society would help out an unfortunate puppy, so we all went down to the Toledo Humane Society and we found Princess.

Laura was eight at the time, and we didn't realize until afterward how moved she was by the trip to the humane society. While the animals were well cared for, the living conditions were pretty spartan. Concrete floors and block walls, metal bars like prison cells detained the dogs—very basic survival conditions. Laura was moved to try to help them, and I think she came to the realization during that visit that some of

these dogs, if not adopted, would not make it. I think if we had said okay, she would have brought all of them home with us. We selected a cute, small German shepherd mixed breed, named her Princess, and shared a life with her for many years.

Shortly after we brought Princess home, Laura decided to save her allowance for Lent to give to the humane society. When it came time to send the money to the humane society after Easter, she informed us that she also wanted to add all of the money in her savings account to her gift.

This wasn't a whole lot of money to us, as I recall the total was around \$80, but to her it was all she had. And even at that age Laura had begun to develop her highly sensitized affinity to shopping, which I'm sure some of her friends here at Sweet Briar were aware of and probably even helped to fine-tune. At the age of eight, this gift seemed like a pretty big deal to us, but for Laura it was simply the right thing to do. I asked her if she didn't want to give just a part, say half, of her savings, but she had made up her mind to give all of her money.

Merilee took Laura back to the humane society to deliver her savings. The director came out and was surprised to see such a young girl making such a generous donation. She received a very nice thank-you note from the humane society, but the bigger thanks was in knowing that she had done her part to support an organization that was helping the homeless animals of the world to survive.

We won't ever know whether this experience inspired her passion for animals—including her love of horses, which was an attraction of Sweet Briar—or whether it was just an in-born trait, but we do know that her generous spirit was one of her endearing qualities.

When she was at the hospital for week-long stints during 18 chemotherapy cycles after her first diagnosis, she didn't sit in her room and watch TV or videos, or read books, or sulk about what an unfortunate hand fate had dealt her. When she had any energy at all, she would entertain visitors, chat with docs and nurses, or walk the halls and visit others who usually had similar illnesses or treatments. If they were children, Laura would play with them or color pictures. Laura could get just about anyone to talk about themselves and their likes and dislikes and their families and their hobbies and their friends to take their minds off of what they were going through. It was never about Laura. It was always about others. She was so generous with her time. She enjoyed hearing others' stories and she brought out the best side of everyone. To Laura, no one had a bad side.

In August of 2006, when Laura had finished some palliative treatment at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, she knew she was dying. She asked Dr. Pete what she should do. "Do what would make you the happiest," he replied. She chose to come back to Sweet Briar. Through her humane society experience, we had learned that we shouldn't and wouldn't be able to change her mind once it was made up. So, in spite of our wanting to be with her every moment, we agreed to let her come back to Sweet Briar. She chose her classes carefully, trying to pick those that would be meaningful and that she could handle. She had loved her previous photography class with Paige Critecher and enrolled in that. She loved the challenge of Lynn Laufenburg's classes and enrolled despite worrying that she wouldn't be able to fulfill the requirements. She loved history and Professor Berg's inspiration, which helped her to choose that as her major. She loved music, so she chose a piano class with Rebecca McCord to supplement her banjo lessons with Joe Malloy.

Unfortunately, it took only weeks before she realized that her body was just too tired. She couldn't keep up, and while everyone, and I mean everyone at Sweet Briar was wonderful about helping, she made the decision that the time had come to spend her time with her family and friends in the comfort of her own home. It was a blessing to have her loving spirit with us until she passed away on February 19, 2007.

We still receive warm messages from many of you and other friends and family. The essence of many of these messages is that those who knew Laura often think, "What would Laura do in this situation?" as they go about their lives. I often ask myself the same thing because she was such a role model even to me, her father (isn't it supposed to be the other way around?) I know that today she would be happy, and probably is happy, to have all of you think about her as you face the opportunity to give to this worthwhile Sweet Briar Senior Class Campaign, and how you can generously support it in her name.

Thanks again for remembering Laura in this special final year for all of you.

SPECIAL NOTE: Anyone wishing to honor Laura's memory with a gift to Sweet Briar may do so, and donations will be counted in the 2008 Senior Class Campaign. Gifts should be made out to Sweet Briar College with the notation "Senior Class Gift in memory of Laura Jahnke" and mailed to The Annual Fund, Box G, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

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CLASS SECRETARY'S NAME AND ADDRESS

transitions

Barbara Parker, director of human resources

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

Barbara Parker is the new director of human resources. She brings more than 25 years of human resources experience to Sweet Briar and has worked in industry, city government and education.

She comes to Sweet Briar from Central Virginia Community College, where she was a faculty and staff recruiter. She also teaches an HR course at CVCC.

Prior to that, she was HR director for the city of Bedford for five years.

Parker has completed her Senior Professional Certification for the National Society for Human Resources and has a master's degree in career counseling and college placement from North Carolina Central College in Durham, N.C.

When she's not working, Parker enjoys traveling to warm places and shopping. She also is active at Greater Brookville Church, where she chairs the missionary group.

Parker lives in Lynchburg with her husband, Craig, and has two adult sons. One is in the Special Forces and just left for Afghanistan; the other is a chef at Ohio State University.



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

Sheena Belcher Hubbard '05

KEN HUUS, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Sheena Hubbard has resigned her position in the Admissions Office, effective Friday, January 18, 2008.

Sheena has worked in the Admissions Office since graduating from Sweet Briar. She's been an invaluable member of my staff, and I will miss her constantly inquisitive mind and her dedication to her students.



Nancy Douthat Goss '55

Nancy Goss, a supporter of women's education and historic preservation, has been recently honored with several communications to the Alumnae Office. She died on July 10, 2007, and her important work in historic preservation and women's education is a noteworthy gift to future generations.

After she left Sweet Briar with her degree in psychology, Nancy became the first woman to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Worcester, MA, and took on the role of vice president of the Friends of the Goddard Library at Clark University. Among her many activities, she volunteered at the Worcester Art Museum and received her master's degree in English linguistics from Clark.

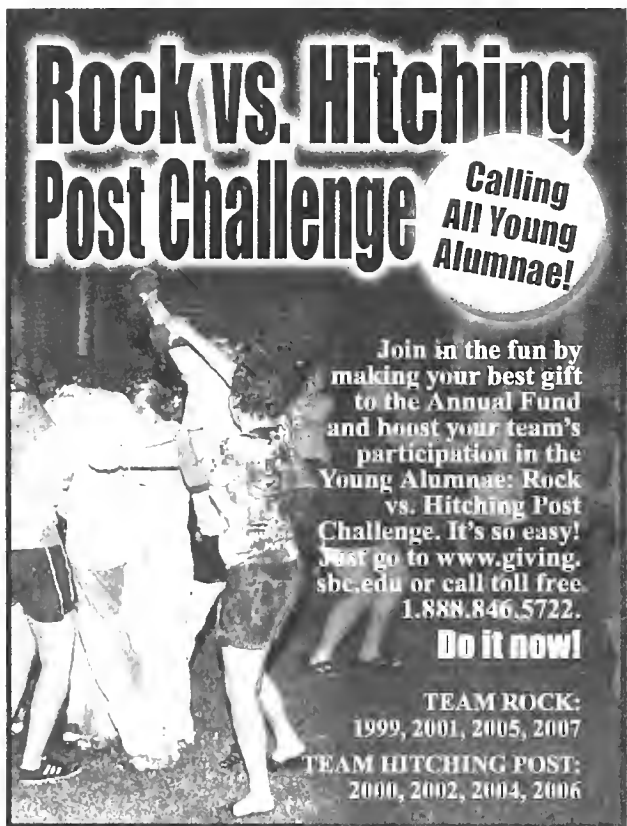
In time, Nancy became the vice president of the North Andover Historical Society; became a guide for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; and was museum house chairwoman of the Moffatt-Ladd House in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This prompted her to become part of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA), which takes an active approach to promoting American heritage. Nancy served 12 years with the Dames on the National Museum Properties Committee as Region IV Vice-Chairman, National Museum Properties Chairman, and chairman of two National Museum Properties Workshops.

One of Nancy's widely noted accomplishments is an article she coauthored for *The Magazine ANTIQUES*, which was distributed to over 63,000 readers. Because of its great success, 13,000 reprints of this issue were distributed. Beyond helping to write the article, Nancy volunteered for four years to create this issue, which focused on the Dames collections and their significance. "She inspired people to understand history because of the emotion she felt in history," remarked her son.

Elizabeth Hays Terry and Hilary Field Gripekoven of *The Magazine ANTIQUES* said: "Nancy helped lead the NSCDA toward an increasingly professional level of museum management by: raising the standards of preservation, record keeping and financial disclosure; insisting on collection policies; encouraging broadening the sources of funds to maintain the properties; and, taking time daily to solve problems and answer questions from museum properties' staff and boards." Truly, Nancy was a woman who has made a difference in historic preservation for years to come.—*C. Murray*

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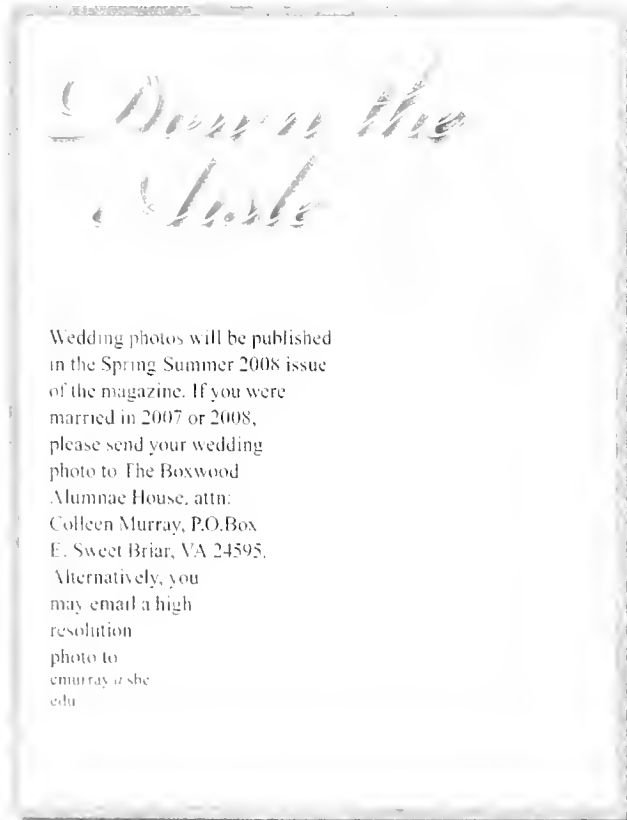
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Down the Aisle

Wedding photos will be published in the Spring Summer 2008 issue of the magazine. If you were married in 2007 or 2008, please send your wedding photo to The Boxwood Alumnae House, attn: Colleen Murray, P.O.Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Alternatively, you may email a high resolution photo to cmurray@sbcedu.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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2008-2009

JUNE 3-14 A President's Trip
A Voyage Through America's
French Heritage: From Normandy
to Paris Aboard the Cezanne

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary
of Sweet Briar's Junior Year in
France Program
Sharing with Harvard and Yale

JULY 2-15 Alumni Campus Abroad in
Ukraine and Romania aboard the
M.S. Dnieper Princess
*Sharing with The Virginia Museum of
Fine Arts*

NEW ADDITIONS!

July 28-
August 11 Waterways of the Tsars:
St. Petersburg to Moscow aboard
the M.S. Volga Dream
*Sharing with Washington & Lee and the
National Trust for Historic Preservation*

July 29-
August 6 Village Life in Ireland:
Dublin and Killarney

October 22-30 Alumni Campus Abroad in
Tuscany
Sharing with Northeastern

May 29-June 11 South Africa: Three Kingdoms
(with an optional extension to
Cape Town)

in memoriam

Bertha Lamar Goode Moore 1949–2007

Bertha Moore, 58, died on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at her home after of a prolonged illness. She is survived by three children, Delmar Goode, Lawan Moore-Marshall, and Edmund Hardman; one brother, Robert Goode Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland; two sisters, Florence Simms of Petersburg, and Virginia (Johnny) Mason, of Lynchburg; and eight grandchildren.

Bertha was a member of the Sweet Briar Housekeeping Department from May 1999–March 2007. She tended to the Alumnae Office and the Cochran Library. Bertha was faithful in her duties and always extended a warm smile and great enthusiasm for the College. Because of the housekeeping schedule, Bertha was most often the first person in the Alumnae Office each day. "It was such a pleasure to be greeted by Bertha, and I looked forward to seeing her each morning. Her optimistic view often set the tone for my day," commented Missy Witherow '80, associate director of the alumnae association.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 22, 2007, at Peaceful Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

Frank H. Fedorovich

Frank H. Fedorovich died on August 22, 2007 at the age of 78. Frank was Director of the Physical Plant at Sweet Briar from 1987–1997 under a contract with Service Master, Inc.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Frank lived in Amherst as well as Ohio. He retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber in 1987 after 42 years of service. He loved boating and water skiing and was also a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Betty; sons, Frank (Peggy) and Gary; daughter Barbara (Donald) Oakes; stepson, David (Kelly) Willison; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Paul (Ruth); sisters Rose Uhrich Carole Fedorovich and Anne (Lee) McDaniel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 25th at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Uniontown, Ohio.

recent deaths

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1927

Emily Jones
Mrs. Hanson H. Hodge
October 11, 2007

1930

Adelaide Wampler
Mrs. George G. Kundahl
October 25, 2007

Sarah De Soussure
Mrs. C. Elliott Heath
November 27, 2007

1931

Elizabeth Stephenson
Mrs. J. W. Sills
August 27, 2007

1932

Katherine Scott
Mrs. Katherine S. Sales
July 11, 2006

Barbara Munter
Mrs. Robert A. Purdue
November 27, 2007

Susanne Gay
Mrs. C. Edwin Linville
November 26, 2007

1932

Nell Colgin
Mrs. C. F. Miller
December 26, 2007

1933

Anne Brooke
Miss Anne H. Brooke
June 20, 2007

Betty Attoway
Mrs. Robert F. Wiemer
July 7, 2007

Dorothy Eaton
Mrs. E. Leigh Johnson, Jr.
December 2, 2007

1934

Boylis Rector
Mrs. George Lave
September 17, 2007

Dorothy Turno
Mrs. Nathaniel P.
Gardner, Jr.
August 20, 2007

1935

Blandina Jones
Mrs. William E. Skilton
September 9, 2007

Isabel Scriba
Miss Isabel Scriba
November 18, 2007

1936

Capel Grimes
Mrs. Charles H. Gerlach
Date unknown

1937

Dorothy Prout
Mrs. Robert W. Gorsuch
March 30, 1999

Alice Donzer
Mrs. David W. Fletcher
October 9, 2007

1938

Florence Caven
Mrs. Ralph Crosnoe
September 27, 2007

Marjorie Miller
Mrs. Marjorie H. Rober
January 18, 1996

Elizabeth Happer
Mrs. John Turner II
November 10, 2004

1939

Grace Robinson
Mrs. William B.
McGuire
September 1, 2007

Natalie Harris
Mrs. John I. Wheatley
February 12, 2007

Nancy McKee
Mrs. McKee Hullett
December 1, 2007

Sarah Tams
Mrs. George F. Kreker
October 14, 2007

Foyth Mueller
Mrs. Philip Shirkey
December 16, 2006

1940

Marion Bush
Mrs. Robert R. King, Jr.
November 3, 2007

1941

Emily Sebrell
Mrs. Thomas G. Lynch
October 10, 2007

Emily Sebrell
Mrs. Thomas G. Lynch
October 15, 2007

Ann Pickard
Mrs. T. F. McCarry
November 28, 2007

1943

Suzanne Douglas
Mrs. Jay G. Terry
Date unknown

Harriet Pullen
Mrs. J. Ormsby Phillips
December 17, 2007

1945

Margaret Mueller
Mrs. George W.
Haldeman
June 10, 2007

Margaret Steinhart
Mrs. Margaret Overly
October 3, 2007

1946

Margaret Coffman
Mrs. Margaret C. Smith
Date unknown

Carolyn Canley
Mrs. Carolyn J. Danley
July 18, 2006

1947

Inez Rosamond
Mrs. William G. Baane Jr.
September 8, 2007

Eloise Davis
Mrs. Charles E.
Blackford III
October 13, 2007

1948

Yvonne Lamon
Mrs. Julian Olevsky
Date unknown

Bernyce Richstone
Mrs. Irving Manson
July 11, 2004

1951

Anne Louise Fletcher
Mrs. Anne L. Bedford
June 22, 2007

Marjorie Newell
Mrs. William D. Curlee
November 11, 2005

1952

Faith June Wildes
Mrs. Douglas MacArthur
September 26, 2007

1953

Danna Anderson
Mrs. Danna A. Mullens
January 6, 2008

1955

Kathleen Button
Mrs. L. H. Ginn III
November 7, 2007

1961

Elinor Scherr
Mrs. Frederic Mosher
June 27, 2007

Linda Baker
Mrs. Byron Spencer, Jr.
September 15, 2007

1963

Barbara Quimby
Mrs. Thomas A.
Gildehaus
June 18, 2007

1966

Martha Spangenberg
Mrs. John E. Moore
September 23, 2007

1973

Marcia Stanley
Mrs. Roger Allen Verse
Date unknown

Kathleen Williams
Mrs. Kathleen Williams
Stont
August 24, 2007

1982

Margaret Camblos
Mrs. Margaret B.
Comblos
November 23, 2007

1983

Suzanne Flagg
Miss Suzanne D. Flagg
June 28, 2000

1990

Melissa Grondle
Miss Melissa Ann
Grondle
March 22, 2006

class notes

1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohman
Martha Lou Lemmon
Pennswood Village D-212
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd.
Newtown PA 18940

1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr.
Juliet Halliburton
4100 Well Spring Drive
No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1938

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Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr.
Frances Fleming Bailey
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450

1940

Ruth M. Schwartz
2242 Langley Circle
Orlando, FL 32835
RMS246@hotmail.com

Our class is still looking for a secretary. Won't someone please volunteer? As your former-elected Class Secretary, I don't want to let you down, so I'm sending class news I received this year. It's being written while tending to my husband's (96) aging needs. We call home a 2-suite-set-of-rooms on 1 floor with a back patio overlooking lovely green grass, magnolia trees, and flowers we plant. Our rooms are attractive and we're comfortable—making friends from all over the USA. It's in an assisted living community in Winter Garden, FL. As we no longer drive, we participate in the activities of this community, and weekly go with a group in their private van to horticultural classes at the Leu Gardens in Orlando. I go everywhere with my trusty walker, while my husband needs only a cane! We're well cared for and we see our daughter and family 2 or 3 times a week. Our son and his family come down to visit from Cleveland Hts., OH, 2 or 3 times a year during school holidays. Since being here, I have appreciated hearing from some classmates.

Last spring **Margaret "Maggie" Dowell Kearney** sent a note written with the help of her macular degenerative equipment. She doesn't drive, but lives in Vero Beach, FL, near her pharmacist son. She lives in the assisted living community Lobby Indian River Estates West Community.

I had a wonderful letter from **Georgia Herbert Hart**, from her assisted-living home in West Columbia, SC. In Aug., she

was asked to "hit out" the 1st ceremonial shot at the Jane Covington Golf Clinic in Orangeburg, to benefit junior golf. Georgia admits to being terrified, but "nailed it"! The ball sailed down the middle of the fair way, over a bog, and up a hill! There were high-fives from everyone afterward. She enclosed a copy of a letter sent to her from the Washington National Cathedral Committee. The Dean wished to thank her for traveling from SC to celebrate their national ministry honoring the people of the Palmetto State of SC Major State Day. Georgia was an oblation bearer as she helped raise funds for the Cathedral—an honor! At home, she was pleased to hear SBC Pres. Betsy Muhlendorf speak at Georgia's Carolina annual meeting. Our President is a real scholar and a delightful person. Currently, Georgia has a relative attending SBC, Carli Adams from Columbia, SC.

Another card was received from long-time (since 1936) friend and classmate, **Marjorie Lee Stock Clemens** of St. Joseph, MI. She still volunteers at the local library and historical society. She travels with her children to their summer place in northern MI, which they enjoy very much.

Adelaide "Polly" Boze Glascock is an active person in the Richmond, VA, area. At their retirement home, she gives lots of TLC to her husband and attends SBC functions as often as possible.

Please send more news to either Polly or me. If anyone would volunteer to be the 1940s Class Secretary, let us know!

1942

Ann M. Reams
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA 24503
amrsbc@version.net



Elizabeth Blackmer Childs and Ann Reams, former director of the Alumnae Association, sit on a new bench donated to Sweet Briar in memory of Grace Bugg Muller-Thym by her family during Reunion 2007.

1943

Reunion 2008: May 15-18, 2008
Dr. Catherine Silverman
5118 Monroe Vlg
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no Class Secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Spring/Summer '08	April 1, 2008
Fall '08	July 1, 2008

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

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Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

1944

Mrs. Pierpont B. Buck
Covenant Hill Farm
9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115
pbbuck1@verizon.net

1945

Julia Mills Jacobsen
ljamj@erols.com
Mary Haskins King
501 Kimberly Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408

Mrs. Mary H. King
501 Kimberly Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408

From **Wylene Chapman Saylor**: "Dear Julie, Thanks for doing this. Your typing is superb; mine has NO EXCUSES for its mistakes. Not much going on here. Just hot FL. Not much tennis this summer, but getting back in it with Sept./Oct. We've added our 3rd adorable great-granddaughter to our 5 granddaughters and 5 grandsons! Amazing that all this started with 4 BOYS! Henry is still amazing with his sorry eyesight, biking with the St. Pete bicycle club every Sat. for 20 mi., 5 days a wk at the gym unless he has to put something back together. Quite a fella! I'm still delivering Meals on Wheels, helping First Methodist's Mail Box and Locker Ministry at the Salvation Army for the homeless in town of which there are too many! Am sure **Dale Saylor Morgan** will say she had successful hip replacement about 4 wks ago. Doing wonderfully and minding the doctor. Hope you're feeling well. You're a peach for taking on this task. Love, Wylene" (Not so peachy when I get the deadlines mixed up JMJ)

Ann "Dickie" Dickson Jordan "Have been over to SBC a couple of times. We're only an hour away. We'll have to start thinking about our 65th in 2010." Later, Dickie wrote: "Luke and I took a cruise in May. Flew to Barcelona and got on a ship, the *Brilliance of the Sea*, a Royal Caribbean line which was like a floating Ritz Carlton. 2 wks in the Med. We went to France, Italy, Turkey, Greece and Greek Isles. Then back to Barcelona. We stayed a few days there before going home. It was best! It was Luke's 1st cruise—he loved it."

Antoinette Le Bris Maynard "Dear Julie, Great to hear from you and see that you're so active. I still live in northeast PA., near daughter Carol and husband Joe; their children are in colleges far away, but they still look after me. Granddaughter Claire graduated Magna cum Laude from American U. last year. My little house at the end of their property has several guest rooms and I wish you could come to visit. I have a beautiful garden which Dr. Joe tends in his spare time; bad legs keep me from too much exercise. At the moment, I can still use the computer, when AOL is working and I'm in touch with a few friends. Williams Coll. is exhibiting the work of the 2 Prendergast brothers, and since I'm the only person who ever lived with them, and they did so much for me, Williams would like to have it archived. My contribution makes me relive memories which they are interested in. So I try and it keeps the days from being too sad and makes me grateful for my life, and all the kindnesses along the way. I'm continuing the story of the rest of my life, which was pretty exciting. Great to be in touch with you. Love, Antoinette"

Julia Mills Jacobsen Had my annual visit with Lovah and David Gearheart. They have a place at Bethany Beach, DE, also. They're always full of news.

1946

Mrs. Robert M. Saunders
955 Harpersville Rd.
Newport News, VA 23601

1947

Mrs. John G. Stewart
18 Osprey Land
Rumson, NJ 07760
lmckstewart@comcast.net

1949

Catherine Barnett Brown
4 Pippins Way
Convent Station, NJ 07961
bunnybrown@msn.com

Please check your Alumnae Magazine when it arrives for the card provided for your notes for our next column. I never got out the promised mailing to all of you, so I hope you'll write on your own.

The computer keeps me in touch with many of you, as you will see below, but I'd like to have news from the rest of you as well.

Mary Fran Brown Ballard and Don attended Homecoming on campus in Sept., along with **Judy Easley Mak** and **Carolyn Cannady Evans**. Judy and Carolyn walked up Monument Hill, and Mary Fran got to judge the cardboard boat contest, which is always hilarious. Mary Fran says her new knee is doing fine, but not up to climbing that hill! Homecoming is a pleasant time to visit campus; we should consider attending next fall.

Judy Baldwin Waxter and Bill visited SBC in Oct. along with neighbor Carol Blanton McCord, '47, and enjoyed a talk by Michael Pollan, author of *The Botany of Desire* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, recommended reading. Judy says there are about 6 alumnae living in Broadmead where the Waxters are now located—enough to form a club!

Preston Hodges Hill and Gene spent the summer at home, with children and grands visiting frequently. Preston swims and plays "old lady" doubles tennis at their club while Gene enjoys lunching with friends on the terrace. He is mostly in a wheel chair, though his recently broken and pinned hip has healed well.

Peggy Cromwell Talliaferro was off on her 5th Elderhostel trip in '07 and is enthusiastic about these well-planned events. A recent favorite was going down the MS on a converted barge from Memphis to New Orleans, stopping at Vicksburg, Natchez, and Baton Rouge.

Larry Lawrence Simmons and Charles attended the wedding of a daughter (the last one!) in NYC in perfect Jun. weather, a wonderful family reunion to celebrate the bride and groom, both in their 40s and never married before! Larry and Charles will spend Thanksgiving in Grand Cayman with much of the family and return to OH for

Christmas. At home, they keep busy doing Meals on Wheels and reading to groups of children. I can imagine how lively those sessions must be: Alice in Wonderland with dramatic flair!

Ellen Ramsay Clark sends news from the sunny south where she and Ken spent some time in Destin this summer. No dangerous hurricanes so far this season, though Noel is blowing around as I write this on Halloween. In Memphis, Ellen and Ken had dinner with **Mimi Semmes Dann** who was in our class for just a year and is now Memphis's leading potter. Ellen sees **Carter Van Deventer Slattery** when she comes to Memphis to visit her son Charles. Carter lost her husband, Herbert, just before Christmas '06. Ellen hears from **Ruthie Garrett Preucel**, and Ruthie stays in touch with **Polly Plummer Mackie** who has moved to a retirement center in Bryn Mawr where she is happy and coping better with arthritis. 3 of the Clark's grandchildren are in college, at Annapolis, Chapel Hill and SMU, while others range from 2nd–10th grade, incl. son Marshall's triplets (12). Ellen also has to keep up with husband Ken who walks the golf course every day and practices law (his father didn't retire until well into his 90s).

We send our sympathy to **Marilyn Hopkins Bamborough** who lost her husband Jim in Sept.

Walter and I look forward to returning to FL for the winter after family Thanksgiving at our new townhouse in NJ, and to the Jan. wedding in Melbourne Beach of our granddaughter Jessica Holmes. We're both fit enough to enjoy all the activities, unless they run past our bedtime.

1950

Patricia Halloran Salvadori
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Arlington Heights, IL 60004
marsalva@aol.com

Sad news: **Kay LeRoy Wing** died on 6/20 from an infection contracted in the hospital. Ironically her knee replacement was successful. I will miss our annual Christmas holiday luncheons in Chicago. She called herself "the merry widow," and that she was.

Sally Bianchi Foster spent a week in Paris with daughter Meg and 2 granddaughters, Sarah and Rebecca. Meg had an apartment for 1 month; they lived like Parisians, shopping daily at the market and having breakfasts of café crème and croissants while people watching. Bastille Night they went to the local firehouse at 11 p.m. and danced away. At Bianchi's request, Meg took her to visit the Sorbonne "where my beloved Nancy Franklin attended her jr. year... I wanted to walk where she had walked, and as I'm increasingly wont to do, talk in my head to absent friends." She remembers Nancy relating stories about the scarce food and the cold. **Anne Peyton Cooper** has described how the weekly decision at St. Andrew's was whether to allocate the coal ration over 7 days or burn

it immediately to have 12 hrs of warmth: Gals it was 1948! Unfortunately Bianchi had a terrible bomb scare at Charles de Gaulle Airport on her return and will never fly again unless "I can take a magical pill at home and wake up at my destination."

Lola Steele Shepherd and Deedee are contemplating selling their lovely home in the hills above Lexington, VA, for something closer to shops, etc. One major problem is they plan to take their 2 mares along!

After a scorching summer and drought, **Henrietta Hill Hubbard** looked forward to a big family gathering Thanksgiving, including her great-granddaughter: "It blows my mind that my child is a grandfather!"

Pat Owens Purvis was also in England and Wales visiting her daughter and family for about 7 wks. In the fall she visited her grandson, a freshman at UAL. It was Parents' Day so she had great fun attending the football game, etc. The beautiful campus with its Southern architecture reminded her of SBC.

Betty Elmore Gilleland, who planned to have knee surgery in Nov., was kind enough to call several classmates: **Nancy Storey White**, **Nell Greening Keen**, **Diana Dent** and **Merry Moore Lynn**. Nancy and Nell both enjoy their retirement homes in FL. Nancy sent a message: "I'm still kicking;" Diana who lives in a retirement home in Greenwich, CT, sounded great; **Dottie Montague Cholnoky** stops by to see her occasionally. Dottie divides time between Greenwich and AZ. Merry sounded chipper although she said she's slowed down. She finally retired from her job in her brother's office. She and Jim are still in their house in Needham, MA. "Don't call after 7:30 p.m. as we take the phone off the hook and turn in for the night!"

I had many e-mails returned, marked "in error." It would help if you would update your addresses or return the postcards. I would like to hear from many more of you. Thanks.

1952

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San Francisco, CA 94118
plwinks@earthlink.net

1954

Bruce Watts Krucke
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Thanks to those who sent in your news! If I don't have your e-mail address, please send it to the above address. I'll get you in next time. Can you believe we are 75?!

Sally Gammon Plummer, like many of us, leads a busy, active life of retirement. She went on birding trips to Costa Rica, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and Sequoia National Parks. Her family had a big reunion in Taos, NM, where her parents retired. Sally volunteers weekly at the natural history

museum, is active in her church, and takes courses through an adult learning organization.

Mary Maury Miller will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary in Dec. All the children and grandchildren (22 years—16 months), will be there for the occasion—16 in all I think. Daughter Anne, who didn't go to college right out of h.s., will graduate in Dec. She and her daughter are both at Western Carolina.

It was good to hear from **Ellie Vorys Machneer** after a long time. She jokes that she's living at the Old Ladies Home and has great health, good friends, and all her children living nearby. She has traveled to FL, HI, and Canada, sees **Jeanne Stoddart Barends** often.

Like me, **Logan Bentley Lessaro** has had cataracts removed from both eyes. (I hope hers were as successful as mine. I no longer wear glasses after 50 years, but glasses hide a lot of wrinkles, I've discovered.) Logan is trying to decide whether to move back to the States after all these years in Rome. She wants a small university town with a Costco and heated pool, no freezing winters, no humid summers, and something all on one floor. A hard bill to fit! She's reading a lot of Clara Booth Luce's books which Letitia Baldrige, the ambassador's secretary left to her. Logan didn't work with the Spoleto Festival this year. Our mayor in Charleston is hoping to renew the township with our Spoleto and the Italian one. Logan met him when he was in Italy.

It's been 6 years since **Marilynn Clark Leathers** retired from her loved position as Director of Sales for the City of Phoenix's Symphony Hall and Orpheum Theatre. Her time is dedicated to her grandchildren and continuing college courses in art, music, history, and literature. She feels strongly that SBC alumnae should continue education when they retire.

Ann Collins Teachout and husband have returned from 3 weeks in China, a trip they recommend. Their girls and families will be with them at Christmas and their annual viewing of the Rose Bowl Parade.



Ladies from the class of 1954 gathered for a mini-reunion this past year.

First row, L-R: Betty Dykes Steib, Shirley Hunter Slinguff. Second row, L-R: Merrill Underwood Barringer, Dilly Johnson Jones, Shirley Poulson Broyles. Third row, L-R: Nella Gray Barkley, Kirk Tucker Clarkson, and Vaughan Inge Morrisette

Their oldest granddaughter is married and teaches music at an international school in Seoul, Korea. The next oldest, a ballerina with the Nashville Ballet Company, will be married next summer. Ann is very active in her church, where Bill is a full-time volunteer. Their main outreach is to the under-served in the community, homeless children, and missions.

Ruthie Sanders Smith and Norm went to the Netherlands to see the tulips, but she injured her knee, and they had to come back without seeing them. After months of therapy, she was very happy to play golf again. She helps her granddaughter a lot with homework and thanks SBC for the knowledge. During her recuperation, she began trading stocks by computer, which she enjoys. They are going to Cuba in Feb. with their synagogue and a Baptist church from Savannah, and to France in summer to complete the aborted trip last spring.

Sadly, **Maggie Mohlman Degler** writes that husband Bud has been living in a Memory Care Center for over a year with dementia, probably Alzheimer's. She went to Williamsburg for **Mary Jane Roos Fenn's** 75th birthday party. Maggie goes to water aerobics 4 days a week and loves her Maltese, Tiffany.

Billie Isdale Beach is not retired at all! Her company is doing mercury measuring now, which is a very 'in' thing. Daughter Alison is a professor at W&M and published another book on Monasticism and Manuscripts. They live in Bonn, Germany, where Billie's son-in-law teaches at the U. of Bonn; their children are going to German schools and playing the violin. Andrew is first violinist with the Bonn Beethoven Youth Orchestra.

Jo Nelson Booze moved to Broadmead, a Quaker Continuing Care Retirement Community last spring. There are other alumnae there too. She has had some breathing problems following pneumonia and attends a breathing clinic. She's in a book club with old friends, volunteers at church, does Meals on Wheels, and fishes in the Chesapeake Bay. Her new hobby is turning wooden bowls on a lathe after taking a course in it and is having some success! She planned to play her last game of golf with her kids at Thanksgiving. Jody has been helping her son restore an 1890 farm house on the Eastern Shore of MD.

Mary Jane Roos Fenn and Faith Rahmer Croker had a memorable trip to China last spring. Mary Jane will be going to Greece in Jun. with an h.s. friend. Her daughters threw a big 75th birthday party for her in Williamsburg and she will be going to CT to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with them.

Mary Anne Bowns Bell writes from John's Island in Vero Beach, FL, where they have lived for 12 yrs, after selling their houses in Tortola BVI, New Brunswick Canada, Lewis and Greenville, DE, and retiring from the lumber company and Columbia Gas. They have 3 married daughters and 6 grandsons. They keep very busy with lectures, speakers, art shows,

wine tastings, galas, etc., and Mary Anne has even started a singing group, now 10 yrs old, called the John's Island Singers. They are still involved in developing the West End of Tortola called Belmont. It's been going since the 60s, but there are still some lots left. She enjoys SBC gatherings in her area.

Anne Sheffield Hale went to Europe in the fall where they also visited **Joan Oram Reid**. Their traveling has been somewhat curtailed by Bradley's health. They have 2 married children and 5 grandsons.

Ruth Frye Deaton and Hugo gave up their sailboat, *Salty Mistress*, last Jul., selling it to someone who is giving it all the loving care they did. They rented a cottage in ME, where they used to spend the summers on the boat to ease the transition from sea to land and it went very well. All their children and families came to visit while they were there. She and Hugo went to the Cloisters for their 51st anniversary, and it is still quite splendid. Hugo is slowly recovering from back surgery last summer.

Shirley Poulson Broyles writes of a fall trip to Boston, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. They traveled with Peggy Martin '49 and visited with Kirk and Jack Clarkson '52, also in Charlottesville. Shirley and hubby went to the Lake District of Italy in late summer.

Merrill Underwood Barringer and Paul had a big 50th anniversary party for 200 guests in Hilton Head on Memorial Day weekend, with lots of SBC friends in attendance. **Betty Dykes Steib** (who had cracked her shoulder in Budapest the week before), **Emily Hunter Slingluff '55**, **Dilly Johnson Jones**, **Shirley Poulson Broyles**, **Nella Gray Barkley '53**, **Kirk Tucker Clarkson '52**, and **Vaughan Inge Morrisette** among them. There was a black tie dinner and dance on Fri., a brunch and dinner on Sat., and another brunch on Sun.

Ann Thomas Donohue had back surgery in the summer to relieve some sciatica problems and will probably have some knee work done in the winter. That has kept them from traveling last year.

Other than my (**Bruce Watts Krucke's**) new eyes, no health things here. But we didn't take any trips last year. I have switched from painting almost entirely to photography, loving it! I've had some success in a couple of large shows, but only honorable mentions. SC Wildlife, an award-winning magazine, asked to use one of my photos in their Jan/Feb issue! Our granddaughter, **Lauren (14)** is in 9th grade at the largest h.s. in the state, which scares me to death. The nice thing is she's being courted by the Governor's School of the Arts and Humanities, a residential public school in Greenville. Bill continues his heavy involvement at church and I'm looking for someone to take my place at the gallery so I can retire. We may have found her, but she won't be available till 2008. I'm ready now!

Keep those cards and letters coming!



Members of the Class of 1957 gathered at Homecoming around Saturday night's attraction—a '57 Cadillac L-R: Charlotte deSerio, Cynthia "Cynnie" Ottaway, Nanette McBurney Crowds, Nancy Godwin Baldwin

1955

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In response to my e-mail regarding the death of **Nancy Douthat Goss**, I received messages from a few of you which I thought I'd pass along now. If you don't have e-mail (or if I don't have your e-mail address) and you're just learning about Nancy, she died on 7/10/07 of Myeloma Dysplasia, a blood cancer which was diagnosed several years ago. We'll all miss her. If you have e-mail and would like to receive notices of this nature, please be sure that I have your correct e-mail address.

Summer news: **Catherine Cage Bruns** was recovering from surgery for a fractured hip. Hope she is up and around again now.

Jane Feltus Welch reported on a wonderful visit to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon with her grandson (11).

Travel news from **Yolanda Avram Willis** was sent from Canada where they attended the Shaw and Shakespeare festivals. Yolanda finished her book, *A Hidden Child in Greece*, a few months ago, is editing it and seeking an agent and publisher. She and Elliott plan to be in NYC in Feb. for the Met; will travel to South Africa and Botswana next Jul. with 3 granddaughters and their parents.

I hope they'll look for **Virginia Chamblin Greene** while they are in South Africa. As of Sept., Ginger began a 2-yr sojourn with "a very nice Indian family" in a little town called Sartruggens, N.W. Province, where she works with 2 schools and a school planning dept., teaching and possibly designing and building a chemistry/life sciences lab. If you have plans to be in the area, let me know, I have her phone # and mailing address.

My summer travels consisted of a week in ME for a family wedding followed by a week on Cape Cod with Didi Stoddard. The wedding was lovely, if just a little bit warm. The Cape is beautiful and Didi has lovely views from every window. We had an

amazing whale watching trip, a lovely and historical tour of Provincetown, a good visit.

One final bit of sad news, in Sept. we learned of the death of John Ticer, husband of **Patricia Smith Ticer**. We send her our sympathy and love.

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Ladies of the Class of '58: We'll be blowing into our beloved SBC like Hurricane Hazel blew into our lives in the autumn of that momentous year, 1954! I visited campus in Sept. for Homecoming and a mini-reunion to plan for May '08. Other classmates who attended were **Lynn Crosby Gammill**, **Alex Carpenter Cole**, **Winnie Leigh Hamlin**, **Mollie Archer Payne**, **Elaine Schuster**, **Marian Martin Harrison**, **Beth Kemper Wharton**, and **Dorothy "Poogie" Wyatt Shields**. Gently prodded intrepid Reunion Fund leaders **Dotsie Woods McLeod** and **Ethel Ogden Burwell**, we planned how best to encourage every one of you to return to campus and also make a reunion gift—as generous as you are able; we're aiming for 100% participation! This is very important and I ask all of you to respond. We'd like to present a challenge to the classes that come after us to surpass our HUGE, well-subscribed gift!

On to our news: **Joan Nelson Bargamin** from Richmond said "same ol', same ol'." then reeled off the places she and Paul have visited and the people they've met. Since Joan is "first generation American," she has many relatives in the UK that they visit often; she leads Sherlock Holmes and Jack the Ripper tours in London. The Bargamins have traveled to Egypt, Greece, Turkey and Eastern Europe and will go to Dubai soon. No one can say Joan leads a dull life; she counts Elliott Yamin, last year's American Idol, as a neighbor. Musician Chris Daughtry's parents live nearby; she's met Richard Gere several times. Joan, still in the antiques and collectibles business, has rented to Sharon Stone as well as soap opera stars and knows Sir Anthony Hopkins. She mentioned that her father, a beloved professor at W&L, was a great friend of Walt Disney; Dr. Nelson collaborated on some screenplays, and that association won Joan and Paul and sons, as children, a free trip to Disneyland. Grandson Matt (11) is a dedicated lacrosse player and travels around the country in summer; he plays the trumpet in the Tampa Youth Orchestra. Granddaughter Alexis (14) is a violinist in a youth orchestra and is an equestrian winning many blue ribbons. Both are 'A' students. Joan and **Louise Dunham Williams** go to the theater together, and Joan sees **Ann Watkins Custard**, keeps up with **Polly Barnes Hester** and **Carol McClave Duncan**.

Cornelia Long Matson and Dick lead peripatetic lives. They sold their Sarasota home, Beauvoir Hall in Osprey, FL; it'll become a public park and museum with a pavilion pool; their bungalow will be used for artists-in-residence. They're now ensconced in Sarasota, at the Ritz Carlton Tower. Their French vineyard continues to grow merlot grapes; they talk of adding more white grapes. Recognitions garnered were a complimentary listing for their '02 and '03 Côtes de Bergerac red and 2 stars for their sweet white in the Guide Hachette—quite a coup. Cornelia only has to trim vines, climb ladders, and deal with plumbing/electric/septic challenges half the year. At the time of her note, Cornelia and Dick had just returned from NYC and Greenwich where they attended the 2nd marriage of her daughter Julia to a Dane. It was a 3-day event with 270 guests and their 7 children—who will live with them—as attendants. They went on to Copenhagen for a 2nd ceremony/wedding in the Royal Chapel. Amos, Julia's father, and his family attended from Israel. Daughter Anna, Assoc. Director of P.P. of Seattle, with her partner and daughters, visited the Matsons for a week prior to the festivities. Son David is an E.R. doctor; he and wife Lynn have Luca (2). Dick is busy with golf and stock market watching. Cornelia plans to make it to SBC in May.

Ina Hamilton Houck, Chicago, is celebrating husband John's apparent recovery from stage 3 colon cancer, after surgery in 11/06, by traveling. They loved their cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage

and joined Ina's mother's family, incl. siblings, children and families, for a reunion at Sapphire Valley, NC, in Jul. They'll attend John's brother's 70th birthday in St. Michaels, MD, at Thanksgiving. Ina finds it incredible that our class is having its 50th reunion.

Betty Rae Sivalis Davis can't make reunion, but will be thinking of all who do. She calls life in Midland, TX, "just perfect." She and Paul enjoy their 6 grandchildren. Traveling is their passion; they were in Botswana, Namibia, and Zambia in Aug. to bird-watch. They went to Prague, Budapest, and Vienna in Sept. with the "Flying Longhorns," then back to Kenya in Nov. for more birding and animal watching. She concludes, "Life is good."

It was good to see **Dorothy "Poogie" Wyatt Shields** in Sept. She has come back to Northern VA to live—this time in a lovely condo in a senior independent living community, The Jefferson, in Arlington. There are lots of amenities; she enjoys exercise classes, walking, and aquatic activities, eating each day with interesting people. Also, there are great trips and entertainment. 2 of her children are close. She loves being near the Metro and within walking distance of wonderful restaurants and shopping. "I'm probably among the 10 youngest among 320 residents, but there are amazing people here who you would never suspect are in their 80s and 90s." Poogie had an e-mail from the daughter of our late classmate **Shirley McCallum Davis** announcing the birth of a daughter named Shirley Anne for the "most wonderful woman I've ever known." Shirley's daughter may come to our reunion to meet her mother's classmates.

Judy Graham Lewis, Charleston, WV, is amazed that we're having our 50th reunion—"never thought we'd make it!" Jim is retired from parish ministry, but does "supply" work and is active in organizations against the war. Judy is busy at her church; she's on the search committee for a new rector. She and Jim returned in Sept. from a W&L/UVA trip to Prague and down the Danube; she loved the wonderful history. She'll see all of us in May.

A brief e-mail from **Eleanor Humphreys Schnabel** announced that she has retired from the Dept. of Archives and History in Greenville, MS; Eleanor lives in Cleveland, MS. Daughter Liza is coming to MS to live and run the King Railroad Heritage Museum; daughter Ellie (SBC '87) and husband Patrick Doyle still live and sail in Marblehead, MA. Eleanor visited **Julie Green** in ME; they had a "wonderful visit but decided we were out of touch with SBCers." Eleanor will see all of us next spring. Any chance you can get Julie to the reunion, Hump?

No one had a better time at Homecoming than **Winnie Leigh Hamlin**, Dallas, TX. She and Davis have 3 sons who live in TX. When they visited colleges as young boys they liked SBC best "because it had cows." The Hamlins have 11 grandchildren—3 girls, 8 boys. Oldest Winborne Leigh (12) hates pink and wants to attend Stanford to be an

engineer. Eliza Wilkes (9) loves pink and wants to go to SBC with her best friend Lili, granddaughter of Lee Cullum '60 and great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39. 3 youngest are 2 boys and another "pink" girl (all 3). At Winnie's 70th birthday the 2 older girls instructed everyone to turn off their cell phones while they gave toasts to their grandmother!

Winnie forwarded a note from **Marsha Taliaterro-Gillis** of Ware Neck, VA. Marsha earned a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from UVA, went to Boston to specialize in neuropsychology. Since this discipline is unknown in Ware Neck, Marsha works for a modeling and a simulation company in cutting edge research and simulation. She can hardly wait for our reunion.

I have reams of announcements from our busy **Mimi Garrard** who has a professional dance company of the same name. Her dancers perform internationally in an eclectic mix of programs. Her *Videodances* were telecast on MMN Channel 56 in Jun. and featured *Rooms*, *A Dream with Three Brides*, *Roumainbitze* and *Night Traffic*. In Manchester, UK the company presented both *Argosy* and *Intimate Spaces/Outer Places* and her *Time Installation* has been placed in the permanent collection of the Mississippi Museum of Art. For more about Mimi's company go to her website, www.mimigarrarddancecompany.com.

Since **Dotsie Wood McLeod's** husband Alex retired from his medical practice, they have been doing extensive traveling. Most recently they toured Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand with a group and then ventured into Myanmar by themselves. They loved that country and its people, "definitely the highlight of our trip." At Christmas the McLeods went to Lombok Island, near Bali, to visit Dotsie and Peter. The younger McLeods live in Singapore where Peter is chief financial officer for Grand Bank Yachts. Sandy and his wife Sarah are in Minneapolis with 3 furry grand-dogs. Dotsie stays busy with Colonial Dames, gardening, tennis and volunteering in a low-income public school.

Peggy Fossett Lodeesen, Bethesda, MD, retired from teaching Latin at Sidwell Friends School in D.C. She enjoys her leisure and auditing some grad courses at AU. She writes, "I'm looking forward to the 50th Reunion. Let's hope it'll be a large turnout."

Ann McCullough Floyd and husband Jack are spending a fair amount of time "on the road" between their home in Murrell's Inlet, SC, and Franklin, TN, where they're redoing her mother's house; they're pleased with the results and wish it wasn't such a long trip. In Atlanta, they'll stop to see their daughter, son-in-law and grandson (2 ½). Another son and his family, a son (5) and a daughter (9) live in Savannah. The Floyds had a lovely family get-together over Labor Day weekend. Son Clark appeared on Jeopardy, won 2 games! Ann said he "had a ball." Ann and Jack try to see **Sandra Elder Harper** and Tom, Burlington, NC, whenever possible as well as **Jane Dxnner Waring** and Charles in Charleston, SC. Ann doesn't

think she'll make reunion because of a trip to CO but adds, "Hope the class gift is big and that it's a great weekend for all who can be there."

Adele Scott Caruthers is content with her life in Santa Fe, NM. She retired from her profession as a hand therapist in Aug. "I now have the time to do the things I enjoy," Adele says. Her daughter Susana and husband Michael Fredericks have left Santa Fe for Upstate NY where he is a dentist. They have 2 darling children—daughter Caighlin (9) and precious Brighton (2). Adele's son Bruce, a computer tech, lives in Albuquerque with his partner Jim. Adele had been watercolor painting until she took up still-life painting in oils. For her 70th birthday, Adele gave herself a trip to Honolulu to visit her sister Carolyn '57. Adele sees **Betsy Taylor** occasionally; Betsy uses her acting talents as a professional storyteller. Adele hopes to make reunion.

Alex Carpenter Cole, Springfield, NJ, flew to SBC for 24 hrs at Homecoming to help with the reunion plans. Her husband Dick is a professor of mechanical engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. Son David works for Med-Rad in computer design and wife Beth Ann is a school counselor in Pittsburgh. They have 3 children, Ryan (7), Caitlin (5) and Jason (2 ½). Son Brian and wife Jessica live in Westwood, MA, where Brian is in management for Boston Beer, makers of Samuel Adams. Their children are Caroline (5) and Brian (3). Alex is involved in a consortium, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), started in NJ. The initials also represent "In His Name." The organization serves 4 families in the area. She caught me up on twin sister **Ruth Carpenter Pitts** in Birmingham, AL. Ruth works as an escort for authors and their publicists who come to the city for signing. She and Bill have 2 married children with teenage children.

I'm embarrassed to admit that I had a nice note from **Ruth Mackie Nicholson**, Morristown, NJ. I know she is happily remarried to John and is planning to return to reunion. She and John were supposed to attend Homecoming, but were unable to at the last minute. My apologies, Ruth.

As for me, **Jane Shipman Kuntz**, the Kuntz clan is spread around the globe, especially with my daughter Martha and husband Don Schenck beginning their 3rd year in Pretoria, South Africa, where Don is Regional Security Officer for the embassy. Martha also works at the embassy. Katherine (18) is a freshman at UMW; Lauren, 16, is a junior at the Johannesburg American International School and Cole is a 6th grader. Katherine is a very good guitarist and was editor of the senior yearbook. She seems to be happy at UMW, getting adjusted to being so far from her family. Lauren is artistic and musical—plays the recorder; she was administrator of the Model United Nations program this fall. Cole is playing the saxophone (1st year), loves basketball. Lee and Steve Caira remain in Clarksville, TN; Lee is completing her 20th

year as the victim-witness advocate for 2 TN counties. Her son Scott is getting ready for college next year, he works tech for the school plays and has an after-school job. Anne and Matt Newman are the only family close by. Anne's position as a funeral director and grief counselor keeps her busy, she does a lot of community workshops in her field and volunteers at local animal shelters. The most important event of our year was our family reunion at our cottage at Columbus Beach Club on Burt Lake in MI. I'm not sure when the last time was that our entire family—daughters, spouses and children—12 in all, were together at one time and I don't know when it will happen again, so we treasured our time together. For 1 week we had gorgeous weather, no one got mad at anyone else and everyone stayed well!

I continue to volunteer at the low-income retirement community, Canterbury Court, in suburban Dayton; I love it and just chaired an ice cream social in Aug. I also chair the Miami Valley Development Committee, the fund-raising group for CC; the Corporate Board of Episcopal Retirement Homes, part of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern OH. We're moving into the low income housing on a larger scale; it's been very rewarding. I continue to do needlework, sing in the choir, and garden. My visit to SBC in Sept. was great; campus looked lovely and that weekend was the 1st when the seniors could wear their gowns. We made the trip to the Monument and cheered on 12 engineering students, yes, engineering, in teams of 2 who raced their cardboard and duct-taped boats on the Sweet Briar Lake. It was all very festive with a radio sportscaster announcing the event and everyone enjoying a delicious picnic. We were welcomed graciously by students, staff and faculty. It was great fun to see the students and their dates at the lavish dinner dance on Sat. evening.

I can't encourage all of you too much to come for our reunion; rumor has it that **Carol Hall** is going to reprise some of that (in)famous freshman show Hurricane Hazel for us! And please respond to the request for the Class Reunion gift; we have some matching money that will only be available if we step up to the plate and give. Participation is also important, so give what you are able, but do give!

I need photos, memorabilia, etc. for the class scrapbook. Please send to me with proper identification. We're a special class with lots of very special, talented members. Come in May to celebrate our uniqueness.

1959

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If I didn't love all of you, I'd be mad with you for not sending me ANY information: good, bad or indifferent. However, I will forge on and NEVER SURRENDER. (I've been reading

Meacham's *Franklin and Winston* in my 1959 SBC book club—can you tell? I know you're tired of hearing what I've been doing, but that's all I have to tell until I get on the phone.

In Sept., some of us from our class joined a group of same age girls organized by a Smith alumna to cruise the Cyclades islands in the Aegean and then travel on land in and around Athens. We went to Asia Minor to the ruins of Ephesus (fascinating) to start our cruise.

These are our classmates who were on the trip: **Lizora Miller Yonce**, **Tricia Cox**, **Ware**, **Pickie Payne Hester**, **Tabb Thornton Farinholt**, **Mary Blair Valentine** and *me*. You must hear what happened to the 2 M.B.'s at the Athens airport on return. The Greeks mixed up our boarding passes and luggage tickets and because the B and V are similar in Greek (could that be right?) and we were in such a rush because our bus didn't arrive to get us there in plenty of time, we got sent off with mismatched forms. It's a miracle we got on that plane home! Mary Blair breezed through undetected, BUT when I later came along, the agent detected the discrepancy and refused to let me in. I had to use all my wits to explain the confusion. Can you imagine? He finally said, "Lady, go on quickly and tell no one, otherwise they'll delay the plane and take your luggage off and you will not fly." I then zoomed through the rest of the gates. It was scary, but an adventure and we whooped it up more than ever on our way home. (Remember the "Mary Club" in our class? so many Marys! Can you reel off a few?)

I called up my old buddy **Snowdon Durham Byron**. She said she had no news and then proceeded to tell me lots. To celebrate her 70th birthday and Jamie-darling's 80th, they went to Emerald Isle (where Courtney lives) with children and 10 grandchildren ("completely wild but great fun"). They had a great time with **Courtney Gibson Pelley** and Herb. Snowdon's descriptions of their surgeries (Jamie's ear, her back and knee), which she says they are recovered from "sort of," were vintage Snowdon—funny when they shouldn't be. She was delighted to tell me about her visit from **Jane Jamison Messer**—says she's utterly unchanged, still the most fun. They went to Berkeley Springs and had massages and mineral baths. (I'm so envious; aren't you?) Snowdon remarked on Jane's amazing mother who was with us at our last reunion, class of '29, the senior alumna there and now about to have her 100th birthday on Christmas Eve! WOW!

I called **Jane Winje Ruedi** in Blue Springs, MO and had the nicest chat with her, hearing about her career as a psychologist and her 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I urged her to think about planning to come to our 50th reunion, since she has a child living in VA Beach and former roommates **Maggie Cooke** in Yorktown and **Sarah Jane Murdock Moore** in Lynchburg, she needs to visit them while she joins us.

The vaunted Book Group is planning to visit Williamsburg to see the decorations

with **Sue Hight Rountree** who has written and published several books on all things decorative there. I'll report on that next time! We're reading her newest book *Colonial Gardens*. When I talked to Sue about the Queen's visit, she said she and her husband were visiting her father (98) in MA but heard from Bly Straub, the head of the conservation archaeologists, that the Queen was most impressed by the progress at the original settlement (on the island), also the authorities there found her knowledge of the project impressive.

Until next time

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Last year was our year for 50th prep/h.s. reunions. In spring, the St. Catherine's crew met up at their 50th and enjoyed a merry time. Besides our Class President, **Louise Cobb Boggs**, **Suzanne Ruffin**, **Mary Denny Scott Wray**, **Babs Childrey Fowler**, **Molly Haskell Sarris**, **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton** and **Susan Cone Scott** showed up for the fun.

Linda MacArthur Hollis took Bob back to OH for her 50th. They spent a summer Jan. in New Zealand, then decided shorter trips were a good idea. They visited B and Bs in NH and ME, and did an Elderhostel in Philadelphia to go to the symphony and see the Barnes Collection and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. They spent Christmas in their NC home, with their youngest grandchildren. Their hilltop home in Lyme, CT, was for sale, and they'll move to NC when it sells. Last Apr., Linda had a total knee replacement which was healing well until she "torqued" it gardening in May. She's still discomforted, has some sciatica and tendonitis, but boogies right along.

Sara Finnegan Lycett's Ike had a hip replacement last spring and recovered very well—up and walking without a cane within 6 wks. Nonetheless, they relaxed in the country for the summer. Now they're back in town, and Sara continues to lead tours as a docent at The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore.

Simone Aubry enjoyed the extended gardening season. She stayed close to home, since she uncovered faulty 1938 construction in the original part of her house. She's designed a green home and included an elevator and other conveniences, hoping that, despite arthritis, she'll be able to live at home whatever the future brings.

Celia Williams Dunn and Larry's real estate firm, now called Dunn Realty, International Realty, has expanded, adding offices in Bluffton, SC, to their Savannah base. In early Nov. she joined the Sweet Briar Friends of Art at their meeting in 1961. Also at the meeting was **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss**, who had dinner with Rose and Jeanne Bounds Hamilton. In Oct., her husband Bill played in a tournament in St. James Golfing Resort and met the Alumnae Officer, Jackie Woods, son Chip and his family.

Nancy Coppedge Lynn spent the summer again on Mene Point, just outside Brunswick, ME, where she golfed. She learned to play mahjong, really lots of fun! Other than a few weekend trips, she and Jerry stayed close to home where children and grandchildren are doing well. Their eldest grandson started boarding school last fall at Christ School outside of Asheville, NC.

Winifred Storey Davis and Tread cruised the Baltic last summer, and the highlight was seeing Lennart and **Willia Fales Eckerberg** at their summer home in Falsterbo, Sweden. The village is across the water from Copenhagen, and is now linked to it by "Scandinavia;" their neighbors come from around the world. In spring, Willia had had rotator cuff surgery and wasn't yet cleared for bicycling. Mostly they rely on bicycles to get around, and Lennart guided them on a bike tour of Falsterbo, their 2 "links" golf courses, and the countryside, the Swedish bread basket.

Susie Prichard Pace's life revolves around caring for George, wheelchair-bound, and helping her 'kids' with their kids. In the fall, Kendall was invited to a dance and had to have her dress fitted "just right." Susie looks forward to the start of her tennis league.

Bette Hutchins Sharland continues as secretary of the local umbrella civic group.

Margaret Gwathmey savors her memories of Christmas in Munich with her family.

Alicia Laing Salisbury writes that she and John returned from 3 "fascinating" weeks in China.

From CA, **Patti Anderson Warren** having retired from the county government, remains an elected Trustee on the Marin County Board of Education. She commutes between Marin and Lake Tahoe, and hopes the Sierras have a wet winter. Snow came in Oct. to the Winter Park area of CO, where she visited older son Mark and his family, high up at 9,500 ft. Last Apr. she and Bob took a Panama Canal cruise and are spending Jan. in Costa Rica with a Rotary "Project Fair" and then some tourism.

Happy New Year to All!

1962

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My gratitude to **Anne Johnston Henderson** for responding to my note. Unfortunately, she became widowed last Feb., but has 6 grandchildren (14–6 mo.), which involve a lot of babysitting. She works part time as a CPA. She also enjoys gardening, reading, and listening to classical music.

Since reunion, Sandy and I have done our usual summer trek of hiking in B.C. in Jul.; Sept. caught us on safari in Tanzania—a wonderful experience. Home for the holidays and looking forward to hearing of your family events. Please keep in touch.

1963

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Greetings to the Class of '63! One of the best things about responses to my plea for news is that lots of us are planning to be at SBC next May for our 45th reunion!

As **Lynn Carol Blau** says, "It hardly seems possible it will be 45 years!" Yet here we are, certainly not looking or feeling as old as we are supposed to be! We're a very active group—for instance, Lynn tells of new granddaughter Rose and a surprise trip to Venice for her niece's wedding.

Katherine Haskell Subramanian gets the prize for adventure—in Jul. she took a 3-wk trip to India and Ladakh, going over the Himalayas by jeep! It was a group of 16 people, led by a former Buddhist monk who escaped Tibet at the age of 5. Because of his contacts they were able to go places and meet people unknown to most tourists—they had a private audience with the Karmapa, a high spiritual leader who also escaped Tibet, and dinner at the Dalai Lama's summer palace. Katherine loved learning about the Tibetan culture and says the trip over the mountains was beyond incredible.

Mary Ann Utterback Burritt says although nobody believes it (incl. me), she retired and loves the free and easy life. She and Jim went to South Africa in Feb. where they visited daughter Kiendel, then to Moscow and St. Petersburg in Jul. She's also done a little grandmother duty, taking care of daughter Cheri's Jonathan in Charleston while Cheri went to Santa Fe, then Jimmy's boys in Jun. while his family was moving to Montclair, NJ. She saw **Jane Goodridge** while in Charleston.

When Jane wrote to me she had just been calling friends in CA, including **McNair Currie Maxwell**, to be sure they were

safe from the fires. Maxwell could see them, but she and Bob were OK. Jane is working on fund raising for our reunion. Her usual cohort, **Jean Meyer Aloe**, had to opt out this year so our great Class President, **Stevie Fontaine Keown**, has become Jane's fundraising co-chair. Stevie is expecting grandchild #2 right after reunion time—let's hope this one doesn't come early! Jean is busy working full time, finishing classes toward her M.A. in Creative Writing, acting as poetry competition co-editor for Inkwell Magazine and running for office as district representative in Greenwich! Wow! And the rest of us are retiring or at least trying to!

Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch says she's reliving her childhood with 5 grandchildren, riding horses, playing with "Rini" fashion dolls and enjoying Blue Bell ice cream!

Harriett Reese Jensen reports from Denmark the arrival of 2 more grandsons bringing her total of "grands" to 8! She is hoping to get to SBC for reunion.

Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer's daughter, husband and baby moved to Geneva in May. Son-in-law Josh is with J.P. Morgan Private Bank and they enjoy their new surroundings. I'm sure Mary Lou and Charlie will be visiting Switzerland shortly! Their son has a new travel website for booking hotel rooms, www.vibeagent.com.

And on the subject of Switzerland, **Lee Kuciewicz Parham** spent 2 wks in and about Geneva with a teacher friend—her favorite spots were Annecy, Chamonix and Lyon. Before that adventure Lee and John joined Heinz and me in Snowmass, CO, for a mini-reunion incl. **Keitt Matheson Wood** and Frank and **Lisa Wood Hancock** and Pete. Snowmass may never be the same! We had a glorious time enhanced by the presence of Heinz's and my great friend, Ewald Scholz, a fabulous German chef who cooked for us every night! Another highlight was a concert by violinist Gil Shaham and his wife, Adele Anthony.

A sad note, SBC has been notified that our classmate **Barbara Quimby Gildehaus** died 6/19/07.

Betsy Parker McColl reports sadly that her mother ('32) died in Apr. and that she has spent a lot of time in Franklin, VA, going through her many diaries, journals, travel scrapbooks, photo albums and memoirs—a sad but illuminating task.

Margaret (Maggie) Millender Holmes reports spending time in NC, "helping the remaining members of the generation that arrived before we did." Maggie and Tom are enjoying retirement, doing a little traveling and looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion!

Lucy Otis Anderson also hopes to be at our reunion, although she'll have to dodge her mother-in-law's 93rd birthday—hopefully the dates will work out! David has moved his office home (taking up far too much space) and is "getting serious about moving toward retirement." Lucy, daughter #1, is working for Bank of America in Chester, England—Lucy and David met her last summer for a fabulous trip to Istanbul

and the Greek Islands. Shirley, daughter #2, continues to teach 1st grade at Charlotte Latin School in Charlotte, NC.

Nikki Griess Deupree sent a quick note as she and Tom were dashing off to visit their daughter in Sedona, AZ. They enjoyed a fabulous Lindblad cruise to Norway and up to Svalbard last summer. They also had a recent visit with **Betty Stanly Cates** in Vero Beach, FL. I usually get all sorts of news, mostly about visits with classmates, from Betty, but this time only a quick note from **Nancy Dixon Brown**: "just took Betty to the airport for a trip to China so she won't respond by deadline!" Isn't it great how we take care of each other! We can hear all about Betty's trip to China at reunion. Nancy encourages everyone to come!

Tempe Parker is still in real estate in Mt. Pleasant, SC, close to Charleston and would love to see any classmates in the area. Her "roommate" is an 11-year old rescued poodle named Chaz who Tempe says "after 3 years has finally agreed to come when I call him!"

Betsey Beale is another still working in real estate and has completed her biggest year ever! She does animal rescue work and has taken in 2 Great Pyrenees "to bring my herd of dogs to 6, plus kitties and birds!" Betsey told me about **Renee Regan Sage's** fantastic art work—she's winning shows in Australia—and e-mailed me copies of some of her paintings! Wow! I will send them on to SBC and hope we can have an article in the Alumnae Magazine—Renee is an amazing talent.

Another painting talent among us is **Anne Carter Brothers** who continues to produce her fabulous watercolors. Anne caught up with **Susan Alexander** by e-mail and learned that her son's law firm in Roanoke was bought by a Charleston firm started by Susan's family. Anne is "adjusting to John's retirement—twice as much husband and half as much money!" 3 generations of the Brothers family will gather at the Grove Park Inn for Thanksgiving.

Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz returned from a teaching trip to Charlottesville, VA, and found that 1 of her students has a freshman daughter at SBC. She spent a night in Baltimore with **Missy Lohr Berge** and Ed who had just returned from a trip to AK.

Sue Jones Cansler and Chuck continue to enjoy life on the GA coast. In Aug. they spent a week participating in an American Study Program at one of the Oxford University colleges, then on to Scotland for 10 days of cool weather. In Sept., Sue joined **Ginger Cates Mitchell** (hostess), **Cinnie Hooten Magowen**, **Lyn Clark Pegg**, **Mary Groetzinger Heard** and **Laura Lee Brown Wilson** at a mini-reunion on Spring Island near Beaufort, SC.

Julia Arnold Morey and Russ enjoyed a trip to ME, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Sept. They stayed with **Kitty Griffith** and her husband in ME. Julie is already "redecorating" their 3-year old house and yard in DE!

Cynthia Hubard Spangler says her life revolves around friends, family,

grandchildren, tennis teams and travel—hey, what else is there? 1 visit to NYC to see the Richard Serra exhibit was incredibly exciting. Cynthia will spend Thanksgiving at Disneyland with her son and his family and looks forward to taking her mother (91) to London and France next Jun.

Rinda King DeBeck "keeps on teaching college kids who look younger and younger every year!" She has 4 grandchildren, hoping for more, and is planning to be at reunion—how great it'll be to see her!

Pat Calkins Wilder is one who so enjoys her career that she can't imagine retiring—she loves her photography business, "Light Images," and one of the best aspects of it is travel to wonderfully aesthetic locations—Mexico and Italy are her next 2 destinations (unfortunately she will be in Italy at reunion). She reports that Mike is "mostly retired as of a few weeks ago and I'm sure he will be reminded of just how long our winters are here once the golf season is over. I am thinking of starting a workshop for towel folding and vacuuming techniques." Now there's a clever woman!

Finally, **Carol Crowley Karm** is not only not retiring but starting new! She writes, "I always wanted to write—not PR, not marketing, but real writing. I'm finally doing it. I guess you could say I'm a slow learner. I'm writing for a glossy magazine that covers all aspects of life in this geographical area: lifestyle, food, personalities and celebrities, etc. Currently I'm stalking Tom Selleck in the hopes he'll agree to be the cover story in Feb. I'm also the copy editor so life is really fun!" Carol and Bill have 10 grandchildren, enjoy traveling and "have never been so busy or enjoyed life so much."

I guess I'm another "slow learner"—or maybe just stupid—I can't quite seem to let go of the travel business. But Heinz will be fully retired, finally, sometime next year and we're enjoying spending more and more time in CO (where, thanks to computers, I can still work). We returned from a leisurely cruise through the Caribbean and look forward to a trip to Tahiti at Christmas. Our 2 daughters, Karen in London and Kimmie near Dallas, are healthy and happy, our cat and dog are fabulous and life is good. May 16–18, 2008 is engraved on my calendar. I hope to see you ALL at SBC for our reunion!

1964

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I received this note from **Nancy Lynah Hood** when her town flooded: "We downsized this year, moving to a penthouse apartment overlooking Oxford's Castle Mill Stream right in the middle of town. We love it, different from living in a big, drafty Victorian house on a busy road where we lose a cat every year. I retired too, although I still do some work on contract for the museum service and am a Trustee of our Farm Museum at Cogges, near Witney. My

main goal for the '3rd age' is to turn my M.A. Dissertation on the Italian renaissance artist Giovanni Antonio Bazzi, known as Il Sodoma, into a book which will resurrect his reputation. Roger has retired too, but still consults on criminology matters and has a project going in China. We travel there sometimes. I last saw some of the Charleston bunch 2 yrs ago when I closed up my mother's house as she moved to FL. (And when your book is published, you'll send an autographed copy to Anne Poulet, Director of the Frick Collection in NYC!) Nancy's new address is: Nancy Hood, MA, FMA, 36 The Stream Edge, Fisher Row, Oxford OX1 1HT. Tel +44 (0)1865 243140. Mobile: 07891 469772.

Ginny deBuys is working toward retirement by the time you get the spring notes. Please (especially those of you who do not have email) send me your news after Christmas. I'm sure the first quarter of '08 will be busy as I wind down and out from my job, but after then I'll be free to wander.

1965

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Mel Freese Cota finds visits with daughter Vicky and the grandchildren sometimes stressful, but always a joyful distraction. When she turned 64, husband Alberto played the Beatles' song: "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?" Thanks, Alberto, for that gift to all us 64-year-olds.

Sherry Bradford Christill is in Baltimore with the same husband, 4 children and 8 grandchildren. She works as an art consultant and volunteers as grants co-chair for the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle and as programming chair for the Art Seminar Group.

Foy Roberson Cooley's family celebrated son Graham's wedding on 10/13. Husband Ken retired, but Foy still runs their self-storage business in NJ and NY.

Scribbie Scribner Euston and Greg have 6 grandchildren to visit. Her eldest son and wife Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 moved from NY to Atlanta; the others are in Houston and Chicago. Cyclist Greg rode the MS-150 in Sept. Scribbie says she'll let us know when she does something noteworthy, but personally, I think washing spandex bike shorts in Dark Load Woolite and line-drying them in the garage is extraordinary dedication to the cause.

Sally McCrady Hubbard wants to say that of 160 or so class members, she has only about 60 good e-mail addresses, and heard from only 11! Please send her and the college your correct e-address. She'd love to have news from those who haven't ever or rarely written before. She's about to sing as Celia, one of the woodland fairies flitting hither and thither in Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. She started a fair-weather, geriatric bicycling group, "Granny

Gears," for 10-mile weekly rides, and hikes regularly on the Cumberland Plateau with many of the same friends.

After retiring from Charles Schwab 3 yrs ago, **Kay Knopf Kaplan** took the job of Development Associate with the Marin Symphony, a 55-year old orchestra across the bridge from San Francisco. She sees **Genie Dickey** at least at the SBC Christmas luncheon. Her biggest connection is Penn Willits Fullerton, '66 through 20-year membership in a book club.

After 42 years working for the Navy as an engineer, **Nancy MacMeekin** retired at the end of Sept. and promptly joined her sail club's crew on a restored Naval Academy yawl for a 2-day trip to the Annapolis Boat Show and cruising the Chesapeake Bay to figure out what to do when she grows up. This may include getting her bike tuned and exploring the lovely woods and water-view bike lanes and trails of the Navy base.

Dabney Williams McCoy's daughter Catherine's wedding took place at the family's summer home in ME in Jun. Roommate **Sallie Mullins Thompson** and husband Ralph Cann attended. Catherine and husband have moved to Lausanne, Switzerland, where he works for Philip Morris, International. Dabney, her husband and her parents (Emory Williams '40) joined them for a visit in Venice in Sept. Having 3 generations dining at an outdoor rooftop restaurant overlooking the Grand Canal is unforgettable. Otherwise Dabney is busy with 5 grandsons (7, 6, 4, 3, and 2). 2 live in Richmond and 3 in Charlotte.

Marianne Micros' daughter Eleni had a son, Matteo, 7/19. Daughter Joy had a girl, Rowan, on 7/22. Marianne's book of poetry, *Seventeen Trees*, was published and launched in Toronto. Marianne modestly calls it a "very eventful summer."

Laura Haskell Phinizy reports that her grand-twins are doing very well (11 mos., 9/23). They're just not close enough to Augusta, GA.

Carol Reifsnnyder Rhodes is celebrating good health 6 yrs after a lumpectomy and radiation. In Sept. she had 4 days with friends in NYC. In Oct. she and husband Bob vacationed in CO to see the Aspens. She has 5 grandsons: 3 in Winston-Salem and 2 in Tucson. She expects to visit the NC family for Christmas. She and Bob are going to England in Jun. with their choir and to AK in Aug. In Jul. all 5 grandsons, sans parents, join them to vacation at the CO house.

Magda Salvesen is back from Seattle and 3 days on the Olympic Peninsula.

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A message from our class president **Judi Bensen Stigle**: "Once AGAIN Toots and I are your class officers. We even tried bribery to be replaced, but no one took the hook. What a great time we had at our 40th! We laughed, hugged, ate well and shared a few bottles of wine. We also raised more \$\$ for SBC than ever before. Some classmates relaxed while others rode and others played golf at the new course across Rt. 29 from SBC. Those in attendance were: **D. Dalton J. Bensen V. Baker, C. Randolph-Barr, A. Carr G. McRae, M. Dortch R. Brown E. Kelley S. Ewalt, G. Carpenter L. Fite, C. Quereau S. Lucas P. Ford K. Waters, L. Lyle B. Glaser M. Hickey K. Amundson, G. Robins B. Blew M. Randolph B. Gawthrop, H. Darby G. Stoddard and C. Moore**. We missed those who couldn't come! But 2012 is right around the corner. HUGS to all." Judi also reports that she must learn to cook as soon as she finishes cleaning up the mess of putting in a beautiful new kitchen. She took a cruise up the Blue Danube, loved Vienna and Salzburg, and sharing stories with a fellow passenger who went to VMI.

Betsy Kurtz Argo retires in 6/09 and will be off to their cottage in MI for good. She and Jim will celebrate their 25th anniversary on the *Queen Mary II* for 2 wks in England. When her father-in-law (96) died, they brought together all 3 daughters, their husbands, and both grandchildren, Jake (1 1/2) and Ellie (2 1/2), who met each other for the 1st time.

Barbara Annan bought a new home in her beloved Fairbanks—a smaller one with a dynamite view of the Tanana River and the AK Range. She retired from private practice a few years after finally getting her doctorate in clinical psychology and is happily oil painting in the winter, camping in the summer, and still making trips to her pied-a-terre in NYC.

Carroll Randolph Barr still works as dir. of development at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot. They're proud of Angus who loves his 2nd year of Culinary School at Johnson&Wales U. in Charlotte. Michael is in NYC working as a research analyst and will marry Ali McLeod in May at Jekyll Island, GA. Mike is still in real estate and farming. They love playing golf and tennis, though the emphasis is definitely on the golf. "Reunion was great fun and we encourage others to come back to that beautiful campus for our next reunion in 5 yrs. We still 'haven't changed a bit' have we?"

Janie Willingham McNabb missed reunion because she was busy hosting her 50th elem. reunion. Joining Janie for the reunion was **Diane Mann Lankford** who is developing neighborhoods in and around Atlanta. Janie loves gardening, photography and video editing, especially

all home movies. Husband Larry is busy developing a new subdivision. Janie has 17 grandchildren, 13 are boys, 4 are Larry's and 8 "adopted" grandchildren who are her deceased sister's, who died 13 years ago from cancer. She and Larry enjoy their cabin in the valley at Dunlap, 1 1/2 miles from home. She gardens lots of flowers, blueberries and blackberries, and Larry works on old cars. Packards, including 3 Caribbeans. At home she has assorted flowers and a big vegetable garden, an orchard with apples, peaches, cherries, plums, pears and a raspberry patch. Janie tried to breed her golden retriever for pure bred puppies but ended up with a batch of black and golden puppies that looked a bit like labs. Raising them from birth kept her busy.

Glory McRae Bowen has been to AK where she went dog-sledding on a glacier and to Niagara Falls. Glory was divorced this summer. She's busy getting ready for concerts with various singing groups and will do some solos and duets as well.

Jane Eastin Hager reports that the Hagers are busy working and playing and don't seem to have much in the way of complaints, thus all is well!

Jill Berguido Gill writes that Bruce and the Harriton Assoc. Board have expanded the 20-acre Harriton Plantation to include another contiguous property with a house older than the 1704 Harriton House. It'll be used as an education center. Also new this year was the community garden, in which heirloom vegetables were cultivated. Tim returned to Drexel U. last Jan. as a junior, after taking several years off, and is on the Dean's List pursuing a sociology/anthropology major with an interest in archaeology. Jill is still happy tutoring and editing a book written by the father of one of her students. She still enjoys spending time with family and friends, taking care of her animals, walking, gardening, reading, and writing in her various journals. Recent travels include New Windsor, NY, Cape Cod for vacation, Easton, MD, and Ellis Island, NY.

Linda Fite is "bopping along. Life is good." She spent a couple days as a reporter/reviewer for her newspaper, *Times Herald-Record*, at the Woodstock Film Festival, and reports it was "a cool gig," but now is at her regular job on the copy desk. On her way home from visiting kids Alex and Sarah in Brooklyn, Linda visited **Neil Drloff** in Yonkers. Then she saw **Mary Cary Ambler** at the rehab/nursing home where she is recovering from a serious auto accident. Mary Cary's sense of humor is still strong, and Linda encourages anyone who remembers her fondly to write her just to let her know you're thinking of her. Room 204A, Cedar Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, Cedar Lane, Ossining NY 10562.

Pam Ford Kelley is planning to visit Mary Cary. She and Brendan had a splendid summer sailing to ME and joined the NY Yacht Club's cruise/race week in Boothbay and Penobscot Bay. They won all but one of the races when they came in 2nd! "Less

brilliant was the rock we so solidly hit the next week while continuing to cruise in the area. I got tossed on my head down the companionway which resulted in 8 staples in the back of my head. You'll be pleased to know they no longer shave and stitch up such things, just the old staple gun. Both myself and the boat are back to our old selves. But I had to get the staples out before we went back to Paris the next week, which called for a staple remover. At least I wasn't apprehended going through airport security."

Maria Wiglesworth Hemmings loves her work as a nurse, now on an ICU step down unit. Jeff continues to work at his own pace. They have invested in a house in Hobe Sound, FL, (after she said, "FL over my dead body") and enjoy long weekends there. They still ski, so will rent the house for the winter. Both daughters, Emery and Anne, are in Jackson, WY, great location to visit in summer or winter. Anyone getting to Jackson Hole and Teton Village Sports at the mountain should ask for Anne Hemmings, the women's buyer, and tell her you know Maria.

Hallie Darby Smith says it was great seeing everybody at reunion. Big news: a 4th grandchild is on the way. Her daughter has a boy (4) and a girl (2) and her son has a boy (3). **Randy Brown** has traveled a lot including 2 wks in United Arab Emirates visiting friend's family. "What a cosmopolitan place!" She swam in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. Then Randy was on to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and the historic lodges where it was *hot*—100° F. The Boiling River in North Yellowstone was great. Next she visited **Sue Morck Perrin** who had a mini-reunion at Pawleys, SC with **Smith Newsom** and **Sally Haskell Richardson**. Then Randy and her mother headed to Nyack, NY, for her younger sister's 60th birthday. Now it's back to work to relax.

Clay Blackwell works part time (solo practice) as a Licensed Professional Counselor, specializing in children, adolescents, and families. Her passion is fiber arts; quilting and lace-making take up most of her free time. Last year, a lace teacher asked her to work a model of a piece he had reconstructed from a 250+ year-old fragment, and not only was this included in his latest book, but is featured on the cover along with another piece—worked by another of her favorite teachers! Last spring and summer were taken up organizing "Lace at Sweet Briar," a week-long retreat for lace-makers and collectors. There were 3 teachers (incl. her teacher from Germany), and 35 students, as well as a vendor with equipment, books, and supplies for lace-makers. Students came from all across the U.S. The week was a huge success, with The Elston Inn and Conference Center and the college staff contributing to the satisfaction of the guests. They raved about the beauty of the campus, and enjoyed early morning hikes where they saw birds and wildlife that they're not accustomed to seeing in the cities. Clay is

planning next year's event. She enjoys her role as grandmother ("Mimi") to 3 boys who are growing up too fast. Clay and husband Terry Woodbridge celebrated their 25th anniversary this fall.

Carole Munn still lives on the beach in Cape Canaveral, FL, flying for Delta and going on many trips of her own. This year she spent 2 wks in Vietnam with 5 girlfriends, incl. 2 nights on their own Junk in Haloing Bay, 2 wks in Poland; 4 wks in SW India where she spent 2 wks at an ayurvedic spa and then to Delhi, Rishikesh and Kolkata; 2 wks in SE India with an ex Deepak Chopra yoga teacher. In Nov. Carole will join over 50 Delta folks returning to India to build homes for Habitat for Humanity followed by some sightseeing to Darjeeling, Ellora and Ajanta Caves. Next year she's got trips to Antarctica, Greece, Bolivia and a Med Cruise lined up. Carole, you get the travel award!

Rev. **Mary Azima Jackson** is ordained as an Interfaith Minister with the Interfaith Temple of NYC, as well as a Sufi Cheraga (interfaith minister). She loves creating unique ceremonies for couples marrying, or making any occasion sacred. She has new office space in Old Saybrook, CT, and plans to do guided visualizations there, with biurnal beat and "light glasses," to work with healing, in addition, through sound, as well as being a Reiki master and teacher. She'll teach meditation along the lines of Deepak Chopra (where she's training). "It's interesting...when a lot of people I know are retiring I'm just beginning. I would like to connect with people. I welcome any communication. My website has all my info: www.ahouseofflight.com."

Vicky Baker is back from her sabbatical leave and is teaching again at Eckerd Coll. She'll present the research she did in Jordan at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Assoc. in Washington, DC: "Teaching/Learning in Kindergarten: Values for Jordan's New Generation."

Peggy Minis Trethewey says, "The past year has whizzed by so fast it's hard to remember all that has happened." They harvested their 3rd crop of chardonnay grapes that they sell to Kendall Jackson for La Crema Sonoma chardonnay. "If you're white wine drinkers, drink La Crema!" They had a wonderful vegetable garden in Sonoma growing heirloom tomatoes, artichokes, sweet white corn, eggplants, 2 kinds of beans, cucumbers, watermelons & figs. Peggy loves being a farmer. The most important news is that their 9th grandchild, a boy, due in early Jan., will bring their total to 5 boys, 4 girls. Last Mar. they celebrated Peter's mother's 90th birthday in Sydney, Australia. They continue going to Mexico for the winter living on their boat *For Pete's Sake* cruising and fishing along the West Coast of Mexico. This winter will include a trip to Thailand, India & then to Sydney to see the new baby. Among other things she hopes to see the tigers in the wild in Ramthanpore.

Barb Tillman Kelley has retired as education director of Vulcan Park and Museum and admits it's quite an adjustment. She's a docent at Vulcan Park and at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, tutors a child at a school, is a member of Assistance League where they clothe about 1300 children with brand new clothes each year, and is still the curator for the changing exhibits at Vulcan Park Museum. Son Dave is in B'ham nearby and working for Frank Stitt—probably some of the classmates know of Frank through his book and restaurant: *Highlands Bar and Grill*. Darcy, a veterinarian, and husband moved back to B'ham where she works at a nearby clinic. Trey and Lindsay were married in Jun. (she's a vet too) and moved to NC for her internship, and Trey works for Thomas Bus Co. Carlton is well; hasn't retired and still enjoys backpacking with friends and family, but not Barb: "No tent for me!"

Gracey Stoddard is now an LMSW with a concentration in clinical health/mental health after graduating from the Columbia U. School of Social Work with a MSW. Since then, she has made scant effort to land a job in the field, since she found that her body needed a good workout, having been ignored during 3 yrs of uninterrupted study. She has recovered from a hairline fracture of her right ankle, a torn ACL of her left knee, and former complaints about her back. She's happily volunteering for her church, learning and playing Bridge, and plans to look for part time social work, counseling children and/or families.

Lynn Gullett Strazzini has been retired 2 ½ years from the Federal Aviation Administration. She does contract teaching, a 1-day class on career development planning and co-teaches a 2-day class on presentation skills and professional image. These classes have been for the FAA, but next Apr. the presentation skills class will be for the Comm. Coll. here in C'ville. Son Tim stepped down from his nightly gig on CNBC's show, *Fast Money*, now that he and his wife have welcomed a 2nd son. They moved to Soho where Tim was his own contractor for the renovations to their loft. Daughter Suzy moved to Roanoke to be nearer her job in retail sales. Although Lynn and Ed are divorced, they still spend time together to visit the children, work on the house here in C'ville, and spend time on his sail boat in Deltaville, VA. Lynn returns monthly to her home in OH to help her parents who live in the house she grew up in. Those trips, time spent on the Outer Banks of NC, and other fun excursions keep her on the road 2-3 weeks each month. At home she's a faithful attendee at a local health club, so she can maintain her stamina for an on-the-go lifestyle so many of our generation enjoy.

Both of **Toni Naren Gates'** children have temporarily relocated to San Francisco. Daughter Lindsey (32) and family moved there for her husband's job, Bureau Chief for the NY Times in San Fran. Lindsay continues to act and San Fran has been good to her. She has a 3-year-old to take care of, and

we all know that theater barely pays the babysitter. Son Ryan (28) moved to San Fran where his fiancée, a painter, goes to grad school. Ryan commutes to NY to freelance producing internet commercials for big companies that need an internet presence. Ryan and Kate will marry 9/6/08. "I love this expanding family thing." Bud has sold his businesses and is in an entrepreneurial stage. He founded a restaurant (sports bar/family dining) with the intent of franchising it. Now a new business has come his way, and he is gearing up to get involved with it: semi-retirement is on hold for the next few years. Toni is active with 2 museums in town that take up a large share of her time. She tries to slip in continuing education, and, of course, a little fun. They spend 3 mos. each summer in their Upstate NY home. Toni looks forward to it as the most glorious time; no responsibilities, just family, friends and good wine!

Melissa Sanders Thomas and Boyce went on a 2-wk cruise from Venice to Rome with another couple from Newnan and had a ball. Melissa asks, "Is it just me, or does everyone hear Miss Barton's voice when we see art or architecture all over the world?!"

Kay Trogdon Hightower and Melissa try to go to Don Scott's (antiques and junk) once a month and enjoy visiting and egging each other on in their purchases. Her 4 grandchildren are all in school now, pre-k to 2nd grade. Brian's family is in Newnan, and Jenna's is in Rome, GA.

Julie Bodin Converse and George have been busy rebuilding their house in FL that was totally trashed by Ivan a few years ago. It's up now, and Julie doesn't plan to rebuild again. "The children are finally reproducing, Mark and Jill have an adorable daughter, Chloe (6 mos.), and Chris and Jackie are pregnant. Life is changing for the better I trust, although I'm not complaining, it's been fine so far! After all, right now, we are all healthy!"

I. Diane Dalton, had a great time returning to SBC for Homecoming and recommend this as the perfect time to see the campus and visit with current students. After the Founders' Day Convocation, I visited with **Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe** on the walk to Monument Hill. I'd love to hear from some of you who haven't written in a while. If you send me your email, I'll send you reminders for class notes. If you prefer pen and ink, please take a moment to put your news on the card included in this issue and send it to me. Thanks, Toots.

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Martha Brewer (New Orleans) moved back after 18 mos. in Little Rock and started a new job at LSU, 10/1/07. She said she was "probably getting in over her head," but I doubt it.

A newsy email in Mar. from **Cathy Hail Stopher** (Louisville, KY) reported that daughter Marshall was working at *National Geographic* but her husband, Douglas, had just quit his job at *60 Minutes* (assoc. producer for Leslie Stahl) and joined Kext in NYC (consulting firm). They were trying to figure out how to have him in NYC and her in DC. Son Charles clerked for the chief federal judge in Louisville last year after graduating from UVA Law School and joined the Public Defender's office. He got engaged at Christmas and plans to get married at Cathy's 60th birthday celebration in Positano, Italy in Sept. Cathy and Ed rented a place in Delray Beach, FL for Feb.; Cathy "stayed with **Lucile McKee** on the way home and got a good visit with her. She hasn't changed a bit. Also saw **Carolyn Mapp Hewes** (Atlanta, GA) when she and husband Lem stayed with us in Delray because they were on a boat with relatives and invited themselves, which was fun. Her son David was the guest star on *Ghost Whisperer* and she showed us the DVD. He was great!"

I saw **Ridgely Fuller** (Waltham, MA) a few weeks ago when she gave a party to celebrate her father's 90th birthday. Son Nicholas lives in NYC and works as assistant teacher in a k-classroom. Ben is working in South America for a year, keeping in touch via computer and webcam. As I type, Ridgely is in GA visiting **Helen Willingham Meadors** (Rabun Gap, GA) so I hope to have news of Helen for the next issue.

Dina Moser McGuinn (Westport, CT) and her S.O., Tom Cody, have rented a house in Westport while they decide where to settle since leaving Seattle and living in Mexico for a year ('06). Daughter Kate's son, James (1) is the 2nd grandchild and due early in '08. Ian was married in May and works in China. Stephen lives in NYC and is a social worker at Riker's Island (our country's "largest penal colony"—internet quote). Peter and I had a wonderful vacation on St. Bart's with Dina, Tom, and Dina's 3 kids (plus friends and lovers) the week after Christmas '06, an extended 60th birthday party.

In addition to her sales job with Wiley's college textbook division, **Ronde Kneip Bradley** (Braintree, MA) is involved with volunteer work with Hospice and is a serious student of Buddhism. Daughter Kate has moved from TX to a new job in Boston, working for a software developer. Nicky graduated from U. of DE School of Nursing in May and works in the NICU at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia. Ronde visited **Lisa Baker Bulkley** and John (San Francisco).

Lisa & Ronde walked and lunched ("we talked politics and social issues; very impressed by their knowledge and passion; a lot of fun and very stimulating") with Lisa's neighbor, **Elizabeth Lewis**, who still practices psychiatry and is "as attractive as ever." Ronde occasionally sees **Peggy Davis Molander** (Boxborough, MA) who is Director of Development at Harvard U. Weidner Library.

Another newsy email came in from **Susan Scanlan** (Alexandria, VA): "**Win Waterman Gildehaas** (Bettendorf, IA) and **Nancy Wendling Peacock** (Nashville, TN) were up in Apr. to inspect my new bosoms. We had a lovely weekend of reminiscing and catching up. **Lynn Pearson Russell** (Alexandria, VA) joined us for lunch in Georgetown on Sun., just like old times. Except that I'm nearly twice my SBC fighting weight and Win, Nanner, and Lynn are all less than theirs. Win was back with her daughter-in-law and 5 grandkids in Jun.; we took them out for Mongolian barbecue and a tour of two Jima and the FDR Memorial. It was one of those perfect summer nights that usually occur only in youthful memories. Win had already been through a Bataan Death/Touring March for 5 days and was ready to cry 'Uncle.' My niece Heather Wood (daughter of sister Sallie in Dallas) has the female lead in a George Bernard Shaw play, *Misalliance*, at The Publick, an outdoor theater in Brighton, MA. Sallie and I were up to see a performance. It was lively, with quite a few laughs. I'm still dancing as fast as I can with WREI and the National Council, but the load is lighter without major surgery lurking round the corner. For my 60th, Jared and I are flying business class to Venice in Oct., then cruising the Adriatic for 10 days. The Dalmatian Coast is a part of the world I've never seen, so I'm looking forward to 2 wks away from the Bush Leagues, if not to entering my 7th decade."

I, **Nancy Crawford Bent**, am working 2 days/week as a school secretary (far more fun and less stress than when I was their school nurse!), keeping ½ an eye on my father (93), we're going Christmas shopping in VT tomorrow, serving on the boards of Dad's retirement community and the Sherborn Historical Society, and acclimatizing my newest rescued dog into the family. Adele is a social worker at McLean's Hospital (Harvard-affiliated psychiatric) and Charles works for Cambridge Assoc. in DC. Peter and I spent 2 wks in St. Wolfgangsee, Austria and in Munich in Jul., a free trip from his company for super performance, bless his heart! Another extended 60th birthday party for us both.

My plea to my classmates is that you note the deadline for the next issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* and send me your news! Especially people like **Peggy Davis** who, Ronde says, is "in touch with a lot of people." I'd love to have any changes in address, email, or snail mail.

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From **Kristin "Kris" Herzog**: "Not too much news to report this year. I still live in Fairfax, VA, and take art classes at the Torpedo Factory. I've been painting the SBC rose on glasses and ornaments for the SBC Bookshop—a lot of fun. It's great to know that people enjoy them. I see Susan Greenwald '71 and Robbie Randolph '71 several times each year."

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Despite good intentions, we've neglected those of you without current e-mail addresses, so if you didn't get a reminder, please get in touch with accurate contact information! Much as we lament the fact, we just don't have time to write many letters these days, but via e-mail, we did hear from:

Mary Frances Dakey Aiken: All is well with her as she continues to split her year between Roanoke, VA, and Naples, FL. She is able to avoid hurricane season and cold winters. Mary Frances became a grandmother 3/25/07 when baby boy Ford Marshall arrived in Richmond, VA. "Now I, too, am one of those people that I swore I wouldn't become when I carry the latest photo on me 24-7 and show it at every opportunity." Her 2 daughters also live in Richmond as well as her stepson, so she and John put lots of miles on the car.

Also in Roanoke are **Laura Mink Gardner** and Marvin, and they run into Mary Frances on occasion. Laura still sings with the Roanoke Symphony chorus and church choir and volunteers at her children's school. Son Tready, senior, is into the college search thing which is "quite daunting!" Daughter Faith is into cross country, basketball, and soccer. Husband Marvin still pastors their church and does psychology work on the side. The Gardners' greatest love is sailing on Smith Mountain Lake, although Laura still runs every day and swims whenever possible.

Andrea "Dre" Bateman has been a lawyer in Orland, FL, since '01. Her mother lived there for over 20 years, but died in '06. She lives in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Comer Schmoeller Diehl started a new job in Jun.—marketing for the Atlantic companies in CA. The big perk is working from home! Twins Genna and Justin have settled in the SF Bay Area, and as twins

sometimes do, closed on the purchase of their respective houses on the same day. Genna and husband Matteo live in San Francisco, and Justin purchased his home in Petaluma. Genna works for Autodesk as an internal consultant and Justin is the Assistant Principal at Terra Linda h.s. Comer still lives outside Sacramento in Del Webb's Sun City Lincoln Hills, but wonders if she should move back to the Bay Area. By the time we read this, she'll have met up with **Gayle Langford Turner** for a trip to the jazz festival on Santa Catalina Island. (Maybe we'll hear about that next time.)

Rhoda Allen Brooks wrote when leaving for Budapest and Prague and she really looking forward to it. Her and husband John's son was married in Steamboat, CO, in Jun., and then they went to Keystone, CO, in Aug. for the wedding of a good friend of their children. "It was fun being the guest," Rhoda says, "although I guess I haven't done the hard one yet, having been only the mother of the groom. It seemed like plenty of work to me!"

Susan "Sioux" Greenwald went to India with a W&L group early this year (a wonderful trip) and managed to visit with **Roberta "Robbie" Randolph**, **Wendy Weiss Smith**, **F. Lodi "Dee" Kysor**, **Valeria "Val" Murphey** and **Kris Herzog**.

Sherrill Marks Byrd had a good year except for 4 bouts with flu; it was May before she got strength back. Making up for a late start, she had an amazing Jun. Sons Nelson (27) and Hudson (21) joined Hugh Hunter and her for a trip to WA & Canada. Nelson was in a wedding in Seattle; 1st, the family took seaplane to Victoria to visit a friend (94) "that we know from Grand Cayman." They *tried* to keep up with her! They attended events benefiting Cheekwood Fine Art Center before leaving for Monteagle Sunday School Assembly's 125th Season of Celebration. Nelson took Sherrill to AR for family business, then departed for a month in China and Tibet. Upon his return, Hudson went back for his junior year at the U. South. They all met in Sevanee for Hudson's birthday before Nelson moved back to Chicago and the Board of Trade. Hugh Hunter and Sherrill have plans for Parents' Weekend and Homecoming after a western anniversary in Waco, TX.

Judy Brown Fletcher's Swissy bitch, Deme, finished '06 as number 10 in her breed; thinking to retire her after showing at Westminster and Eukanuba 2 years in a row, they took her to Aiken to breed to a male. From that Mar. litter they kept "Bubba" and now they're back on the circuit showing both of them! When Judy's not on the road with the dogs, listening to books on CD, she's trying to "keep up with parents' aging issues and those of Steve's dad." Her work continues as Board member and Secretary for the Eagle Creek Park Foundation Citizen's Advisory Committee (large urban park); she focuses on watershed and water quality issues. Her creative writing is limited to quarterly articles for her breed magazine and biennial papers for the Indianapolis Woman's Club (1875). "I still hand-dye silk and put those skills to use for my

daughter's wedding 7/1/07." The drought has devastated her gardens so "I'm in the midst of redesigning." Other than that, she still fishes and, with son Will in Tampa, she has a good excuse to visit and surf cast on Honeymoon Island.

Barbara "Barbie" Gracey Backer and Ron are empty nesters, after a late start in the child-rearing department. John (22) is a senior at Auburn; David (20) is a 2nd year at UVA, and Katie (18) is a freshman at SMU. They had a wonderful visit with **Jeannette Bush Miller, Becky Randolph Boyers** and **Nan Glaser LaGow** at UVA Parents' Weekend last year and plan another one. This summer, the Backers took their children on a cruise to the Baltic Countries, including a side-trip to Moscow. Barbie and Ron still manage their insurance business, and Barbie does fundraising for a local women's shelter, which is "very gratifying." She has also been bitten by the golf bug which is handy with the empty nest, and is doing some horseback riding, her passion. She loved seeing everyone at our last reunion and hopes all our precious classmates are in good health.

Carol Remington Foglesong was on an adventure starting 10/5/07. In the course of 2 weeks, she was going to do her 40th (gasp) h.s. reunion, dinner with her best friend "from the time I was 4 until 10," the Washington Semester Fall '69 38th reunion, and a get together with **Mary Lyman Ray** and **Kathy Fisher Morland**. It seems a bit of a life review crammed into 2 weeks—and she gets to stay at her mom's in Baltimore for 8 of those nights. So, no exotic travel this year, she says, adding that "the gods have definitely aligned to have all these events happening in a concentrated period of time and locale." Life is good for her and she enjoys grandson Jameson (1 on 10/7/07). Carol knows he'll forgive her for not being here for his big day, but it will take his parents a while to forgive her for missing the occasion! Carols says that she still has beds available for anyone coming to the Orlando area.

Maggie Mather Feldmeir's biggest news is that oldest daughter Kate got married in Cazenovia (NY), one of the millions of 7/7/07 brides! It was a magical weekend with wonderful weather in their idyllic lake town, a relief since most of the attendees were out-of-towners. Newlyweds Kate and Nate (Maggie says they adore him) live in DC and continue to work in inner-city education, both at a charter public school. The Feldmeir's younger daughter Julie left *The Washington Post* and is beginning her 2-year stint at Northwestern getting an M.B.A from Kellogg. They look forward to that excuse to visit Chicago. Maggie still works for The Carlisle Collection, doing merchandising and training so she still travels quite a bit (mostly to NYC). She and Jake are trying to plan more travel and relaxing time—there's a big world out there! Maggie says life is grand and she feels extremely blessed, and wishes the same for all our classmates.

Frances Barnes Kenamer and **Martha Roton Terry** had a fantastic visit with **Gale Hull Whetzel** this summer in Columbus, OH, Gale's hometown. They tried to get **Tricia "Honey" Hammer** to join, but she had an out-of-town business trip. Frances and Seabie (husband of 34 years) celebrated another of life's milestones last spring when their only child, Helen, graduated from Auburn U. in May. She is pursuing a Master of Speech-Language Pathology degree at Montevallo U. near Birmingham. They all celebrated with a 2 week trip (1st-ever) to HI. Frances is still with the AL Department of Public Health, where she is director of a bureau which has responsibility for public health nursing, public health social work, public health pharmacy, women's health, nutrition/physical activity, and training. This past year she "inherited" rural health and minority health from a colleague who retired. "Eek!" says Frances, "Maybe I should retire, too, before I 'inherit' anything else." But wait—it's too late for that! She's also now the person from her agency who goes to the state emergency operations center in an underground bunker and basically operates the agency from there during an emergency. She rode the beach in AL hours after Hurricane Ivan in '05 and has been to the MI Gulf Coast and New Orleans 3 times since Katrina. "The devastation is unbelievable," she writes. "Sadly, now attention has largely moved elsewhere but many people still haven't resolved the wreckage of their homes and lives." On a lighter note, Frances has begun playing tennis again after a 20-year break, and is doing well, all things considered. She continues to attempt to master golf, but that goal as so far eluded her; she has yet to break 100!

Tricia "Honey" Hammer still works as a National Account Representative for AT&T which requires a lot of traveling. She also still teaches hunter/dressage, judges almost every weekend, and coaches 2 Pony Clubs in the Cincinnati area. When the pace gets too much and she sees a little free time ahead, she heads up to Columbus to **Gale Hull Whetzel's** house for some "endurance snoozing!" She wants everyone to know what a great time our last reunion was and encourages us to get the next reunion date on our calendars NOW!

Alison Jones e-mailed from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that her year has been dedicated to creating "No Water No Life, LLC, a nonprofit project to raise awareness of our planet's limited fresh water resources and to foster river-to-river and upstream-downstream partnerships that can forge solutions to water availability, quality and sustainable usage, combining the powers of photography, science, and history. No Water No Life is researching, documenting, and disseminating imagery and information on the value, conditions and consequences of degradation in 3 North American and 3 Northeastern African river basins. In Jun./Jul. her team gathered 27 hrs of stakeholder interviews and 76 gigs of still images while logging 4,723 mi. from source to sea on the Columbia River." Alison

continues, "Now, in Sept., I'm writing from Ethiopia where I've obtained 86 gigs and thus far 10 hrs of interviews concerning the Omo and Blue Nile River Basins. No Water No Life's mission and progress is outlined on our website: www.nowater-nolife.org. The next phase of this project: finding funds now that our model has been tested—sent me back to school for a grant-writing class last Apr.! I'd forgotten what homework and all-nighters were like! If any of you have relevant funding sources for No Water No Life, please contact me (alison@alisonjonesphoto.com)!" Meanwhile, Alison is leaning on her SBC roomie, **Jean Mackenzie Thatcher** for editing, advice and moral support, and is reciprocating by holding Jean's hand as her only child, Alison's godchild, awaits college acceptances.

Wendy Norton Brown was just back from a wonderful visit with **Kathy Wilson Lamb** and Rex at their new-to-them retirement house in Lexington! They have 1 1/2 acres overlooking the town of Lexington, VMI, and House Mountain—a to-die-for view! The house is terrific and they've done a lot to make it theirs. Wendy adds that the Lambs are only an hour away from their mountain home and 2 from RIC. She plans to see more of them.

Elizabeth "Liz" Glassman wrote at 4 a.m. that jet lag is a permanent feature of her life this year. She had returned from a memorable vacation to Bhutan, a remote Himalayan kingdom and a devoutly Buddhist state. "Last year the king abdicated to his son, and announced that the kingdom would have its first elections in '08," Liz reports. "It's a time of enormous change there, and we were lucky to meet many of the leaders, newspaper editors, and other media people who, having lived and studied in the U.S., work to shepherd the process for the 700,000 inhabitants of Bhutan." When not traveling, Liz lives in Chicago and leads an art foundation devoted to American art: the Terra Foundation for American Art. See www.terraamericanart.org. Their mission is to spread the study and enjoyment of American art globally. The organization runs a museum in Giverny, France, and has projects all over Europe and the world. This year it was a big show with the Guggenheim Foundation covering 300 years of American art. The show started in Beijing before it went to Shanghai, Moscow, and now Bilbao, Spain. "Note that we sent 300 years of American art to China," Liz adds, "in response to their having sent 5,000 years of Chinese art some years ago to NY. But they came to the show in numbers you can only get in China—700,000 for both Chinese cities combined over 4 mos. I guess that's a blockbuster!" She still spends time in Santa Fe, NM, where she has kept a home. Liz invites anyone in Chicago or Paris on work or play, to give her a call: she might be home!

In Houston, **Betty Duson** and husband are "so ready" to retire, but will have to postpone the dream for at least another 8 yrs. Their son is a junior at the U. TX and has entered the world of music and

music recording, so he isn't likely to be self-sufficient any time soon. It's a good thing that they enjoy their work, Betty says, and that they have pretty rich lives, but she would still prefer to be navigating hills and lakes instead of freeways and elevators.

Kristina "Kristi" Bettendorf had a long vacation in Greece this fall. "Talk about a hard-working vacation!" she writes: "If we weren't climbing up onto an acropolis, we were climbing down into an excavation—I'm getting too old for this." Kristi is going into her 30th year at the State Attorney's Office and would otherwise be retiring, but youngest daughter Elisabeth just started her junior year at Hofstra U. in Sept., so retirement has been put off. The announcement that Elisabeth wants to go to law school to follow up on her degree in Political Science further affected retirement, which may be put off another 4 or 5 yrs now. Kristi's oldest, Steve, was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Air Force, good news that was overcome by his imminent deployment to Iraq in Jan. "It's encouraging that deployment in the Air Force is for a maximum of 3 months, but it doesn't seem to overcome the fact that he's going to Iraq," Kristi writes. "I've heard that what the Air Force does in Iraq is run the Army bases. So I've thought of sending him over with a note: 'Dear Commander: Stevie is not allowed to leave the base without a note from his mommy.' Think it'll work?" *We hope so, Kristi!* On the personal front, Kristi discovered her post-retirement interest—botanical illustration (watercolors). She participated in 3 shows over the summer. She's slow, she says, but dedicated!

Linda Whitlow Knight can't believe that more than a year has passed since our glorious reunion. "I'm still so honored and humbled that you dear classmates elected me President," she says. Linda is busy with work, various bar activities, and being a director of her homeowners' assoc. Her service on the TN Ethics Commission occupies a lot of time and energy. The Knights have been working on their house and are preparing to do major renovation. Dick is busy with winding up a company of which he was CEO, whose assets were sold, and serves as an arbitrator, as well as his other interests. Older daughter Katherine left her position in the Legal Dept. of the TN Dept. of Transportation last Dec. to practice labor and employment law with TN's largest law firm, Baker Donelson, in its Knoxville office. "Lo and behold," Linda says, "Katherine became engaged during the summer to a wonderful man, David Layhew, in Nashville, and they married at home on 10/6/07—a beautiful occasion!" Katherine is a mom to David (13) and Griffin (6), and Dick and Linda have 2 "grandboys!" Katherine joined the Nashville office of the Burr & Forman law firm. Linda and Dick's younger daughter Elizabeth is in her 3rd year at Emory Law School and will join the Dallas office of Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold to litigate. In Apr. they spent a few days in NM with Dick's mom, sister, and nephew, and in Jul. they gathered at Dick's sister's house in ME.

It's been a busy year for **Anne Wiglesworth Munoz**. Now that Milton is retired, they've been driving cross country, including to NY for daughter Alina's graduation in May. "Fun trip," says Anne: "We know where all the Costcos are (cheapest gas) on I-80 and some in IN, MO, and KY (none in WY or New England!). If you're driving through Des Moines, the Costco there has the cheapest gas in the country!" Anne's 2 daughters, Maya and Aliria, have settled in the Phoenix area and are thrilled to be living together. Maya is in her 3rd year of medical school doing her clinical rotations. Aliria is an RN at St Joseph Hospital near downtown Phoenix. Anne and Milton helped them move in Aug. "Such a great time to travel to Phoenix (112 °F)," Anne notes wryly. They plan to go back for Thanksgiving when it's more like 75° and snowing at home in Salt Lake. They're also signed up to volunteer for the Sundance Film Festival again in Jan. Anne has been applying to several shows and getting into most of them. She's exhibiting at the Brigham City Art Museum for a Fiber Arts Show and hopes to do a few shows in AZ next year as well. (Anne attached to her e-mail a photo of one of her pieces and it is incredible!)

Susan "Susu" Schmidt is the 1st executive director of the Edenton NC Historical Commission, raising funds to restore the Roanoke River Lighthouse. She invites us to come visit (or google) her waterfront office at the Barker House. This summer she walked 350 mi. on the *Camino de Santiago* in Spain.

Carolyn Jones Walthall has much to report, since her last bit of news arrived too late last year. From '06, she wrote: "We still live and work in south AL, aka 'Katrinaland.' Julian and I didn't have damage to our house here in Daphne, but our area was changed drastically. Physically, of course, old landmarks and trees, jobs, and whole industries, have been swept/blown away, but it's also the ripple effects that we see and will feel for years: people displaced from home and jobs, social service agencies overburdened with thousands of help requests, schools and communities and roadways crowded with additional folks, in some places a general hopelessness, but in other places a determined renewal, and a shared reference to the phrase 'hurricane season.' On a personal note, we're fine. Our 2 sons are grown and gone: David (30) lives in Florence, Italy, giving tours around Tuscany. In Jan, he'll move to Siena to become the Resident Director for a study abroad program called CET. Claiborne (26) is newly married to wonderful Beth, living in Ithaca, NY, to do a master's program in urban and regional planning at Cornell. At their wedding, early Jun. outside Albany, NY, we were joined by SBC roomies **Jeannette Bush Miller** and **Anne Milbank Mell**, who waded through the rainy deluge to dance the night away with us under the wedding tent. Great fun to be with them again! Julian is still a Presbyterian pastor and enjoys gardening with native plants and cooking healthy, tasty recipes. I'm still the program

administrator for a youth leadership development program for h.s. students and enjoy sampling Julian's good cooking. I do some things at the church and I still serve on several boards in nearby Mobile." From '07: We travel more these days, particularly since our 2 sons live away from south AL. Claiborne and Beth are in Ithaca for grad school, and we love visiting them there. David is still in Italy, now in Siena, and we look forward to visiting him next summer. Julian and I attended my 40th h.s. reunion in Mobile, and we really had fun, even though many attendees looked too old to be in *my* class! Look in the mirror, Carolyn! (*Oh, how we know what you mean, Carolyn!*)

Patsy Wheeler Maddox writes, "I still teach at Amherst Middle and work with learning disabled students in 8th grade. We have a grandson (3) and each daughter is expecting: one new grandchild in Nov. and one in Mar. George and I had a wonderful trip to France in Jun."

Alix Sommer Smith also had news from last year that didn't make "the cut," so I (Gale) thought I would throw it in. 1st. Alix retired in '04 after 32 years in the Stafford County, VA, school division, final role as Supervisor of Gifted Services, K-12. "I have done some consulting, taught a gifted class for UMW, and I work for the VA Dept. of Education coordinating evaluations of gifted programs called Governor's Schools. These include regional school-year programs for h.s. students, part- or full-day, and both month-long summer residential programs for rising juniors and seniors, and regional summer programs for elem., middle, and h.s. students. While most of our classmates enjoy grandchildren, my husband and I just adopted 2 red tabby kitten brothers from the SPCA. Our "free" pets have already cost us \$2000, thanks to Otis' ingestion of 2 feet of yarn, necessitating emergency surgery complete with 22 staples in his little belly. His new nickname is B.B. for bad boy or bald belly! Recently drove through SBC campus on my way home from southern VA. What a beautiful place in the fall. I was sorry to have missed reunion this year, but look forward to the next one!" This year, Alix writes that there is "not too much to report from this retired gal. When people ask me what I'm doing, I reply 'I do lunch!' I try to catch up on reading and needlework projects and play with my cats. When my husband retires, hopefully we'll get back to traveling."

Roberta "Robbie" Randolph writes, "I got a master's degree, married, moved 9 times, had 3 sons, got divorced, raised them alone, and managed to develop a moderately successful career that has involved, among other things, development of international technical requirements for aviation communication systems." She has put all 3 kids through college on her own, remodeled a 100-year old house, mostly via "sweat equity," and had the joy of watching her eldest son marry a glorious woman this summer. "Other than that, not much has happened to me!"

Jean Mackenzie Thatcher writes: "After 30 years of a corporate career in

the reinsurance and captive insurance company biz, I decided to knock off the traveling and wound up all enmeshed in local politics. I'm starting my 3rd term as Deputy Mayor of our village, which is the 2nd largest in the area in NY State. We run our own police, highway sanitation, beach and summer camp operations—lots of action. Election campaigns can get nasty, but our administration's message has broad appeal, and we deliver good (and all volunteer!) government and pursue long-term initiatives restructuring police department, reconstructing major roads, renovating historic Village Hall structure) which will benefit our residents for years to come. Richard works at his firm on Wall Street. James (29) is a grad of H-SC & UVA and lives in France with his wife and our granddaughter, *la petite* Suzanne (1). Katie is a senior and is applying to W&M. Sadly I could not sell SBC, although the admissions people were wonderful and the campus more exquisite than ever. **Alison Jones** and I are god-mothers to each other's daughters and are in constant contact. I spoke with **Amanda Thrasher Segrest** in Huntsville, AL, who has grown kiddies, all of whom are in Birmingham. Amanda and husband Mike dote on their grandson (1) when he visits. She still teaches English, threatens to retire next year. Charlene Reed '73 is in the range of those terrible fires in the LA area and south, but so far is OK, although has had to evacuate horses from friends' barns and says it's hard to breathe."

And **Amanda Thrasher Segrest** says, "I still teach ½ day in h.s. Mike and I have a grandson (1) and are crazy about him. We continue to Roll With The Tide!"

Wendy Weiss Smith says that the "W&L trip to explore Vietnam and Cambodia this fall was phenomenal—fascinating learning of cultures, recent history, and current economic recovery of friendly and beautiful people. Earlier in the year we took a W&L cruise to the Baltic—including locales new to us: Gdansk, Poland; Tallinn, Estonia; and St. Petersburg. Alone in the Hermitage with Matisse's *A Red Room* anyone? Gil (husband of over 30 yrs now—how can *that* be?) and I look forward to being with **Susan Greenwald** in NYC for theater and other diversions, then again with her in St John, USVI in Feb. when the Caribbean sun will be most welcome! My SBC '74 sisters Cathy (Winchester, VA) and Chris (Rocky River, OH) and I, plus Mom, celebrated her sister's 90th birthday in Litchfield, CT. Everybody's doing well."

Kathy Garcia Pegues writes: "John and I celebrated our 30th anniversary in style with a spa getaway. But it's our kids who are doing the fun stuff: Emily (SBC '00) lives in old town Alexandria, VA, and works as a curatorial assistant to Nicholas Penny at the National Gallery of Art. (He's a "rock star" in the art history world.) Emily also performs in a non-singing role in the Washington National Opera's production of *Don Giovanni* with Plácido Domingo conducting! How fun is that? Son Adam got his Wings of Gold in Aug., which makes him a Naval Aviator. He'll fly an F/A 18 Hornet (the same plane as the

Blue Angels) and will be stationed at Oceana (near VA Beach) for the next year or so. Then it will be on to the fleet in a scary world. John and I hope to retire from education soon because the 'helicopter parents' are driving us nuts! (The students are fine, thank goodness!) I still love teaching but I've had enough of paper grading. We'd like to try new things but haven't decided what yet. We're becoming more politically active, hoping to help restore some sanity and integrity to our government. It's been fun to meet Barack Obama and VA's Senator Jim Webb. At one rally, I met Maureen Dowd, columnist for the *NY Times*, as well as Joel Klein, writer for *Time* magazine. Remember our junior year—Kent State and the Vietnam turmoil? Well, things now are much worse and more dangerous, but very few people share the burden as they did in the '70s with the draft. Where is the 'shared sacrifice' made by our military and their families? Well, this is all probably more than you want to know. We stay busy with school, following our children's 'launch,' and with politics. In the summer, the garden is our sanctuary. I'll be back in Nov. for SBC Board meetings, always a pleasant and stimulating event!"

Ellen Weintraub says, "I'm still in sunny FL and moved back into the Harbour House. I was renting here and now it has gone condo, had to exit for almost 2 years while the developer rebuilt. I'm right on the ocean in Bal Harbour. I'm officially originating residential loans for a living, but have started an enterprise which was inspired by my adorable Golden Doodle puppy, Beau. We're decorating retractable leashes en masse for some large retailers, with crystals a la Judith Leiber style. I thought it would be a good idea for holiday gifts. Just now designing the website, but you can check it out soon: Blingalongyourpet.com. Isn't that *cute*? We're doing a turquoise one with clear stones for the ribbon for Tiffany, a black one with a white gardenia and the interlocking CC's on the other side for Chanel, an orange one with the brown ribbon for Hermes—you get the idea. I'm psyched! The first one is in production right now; it'll have overall taupe colored stones, an image of Beau on one side, and his name in black script on the other. My mom is still going strong at 92, feisty as ever, for those of you who remember her. Beau is her grand dog...LOL! The 3 of us travel around all the time together and have fun. Big hugs to my classmates!"

Elizabeth "Libby" Tyree-Taylor says, "I'm writing from Beijing—no need to be in CA to get the mail. Once my son left for college (UVA) and I was able to get off the boards on which I served, I became a regular traveler. Last week I was in Boston and spent a couple days with Kathy Cummings Catlin '70. The week before that I was in NYC, then went to Charlottesville for a Parents Committee meeting and the UVA football game. I get to NYC regularly and have caught up with **Jeannette Bush Miller** and **Anne Milbank Mell**. Anne's daughter and son live in San Fran and I've seen them there. My daughter is in NYC

so I'm able to see her there every month. We get to the theater, go out to eat, shop, and enjoy NY. Her friends are beginning to think we must live close by rather than cross-country! In one year, I'll have been to 6 continents, including Antarctica this past Jan. Quite an extraordinary trip—magical in many ways. After China, I leave for Australia where my son is studying for a semester. My husband Barry works for a NYC private equity firm and I'm lucky enough to join him on his travels. With meetings at UVA and Lee in school there, I get to VA to remember my days (and weekends) at SBC."

Jan Primdore writes from Boston, "In recent years I've been living in FL, managing the family business and helping take care of my father. He passed away in '06, and I was able to turn over the management of the business to the employees and move back to Boston this year, hoping to finish my Ph.D. I'm at Boston U. in the Editorial Institute, exposed to brilliant people, love being back in the city."

Although **Jill Lowry Wiemer** left after 2 years, she still enjoys reading about everyone! She writes, "I'm enjoying myself this year, relaxing after a whirlwind of weddings. 2 of my 4 daughters were married this year in Jan. and Apr. Both weddings were wonderful, but lots of work. Thank goodness they both gave me a year to plan them. Christmas 2 years ago was exciting at our house with not one but 2 new engagement rings! Friends joined George and I as we enjoyed a cruise in Oct. around Italy, Greece, and Turkey—the perfect way to relax after a year of parties, planning, and weddings! I've turned into a golfer, it's never too late. We're spending more time in Highlands, NC, since we bought a house there, wonderful way to beat the FL heat!"

Robbin Richardson is twice the grandmother now, and working on the 3rd child due in Dec. The 2 boys (18 mos., 2 ½) are the Men in her Life! She sells some houses in order to feed her passion for living as much of the winter as she can in Mexico. She leaves at the end of Oct., so if anyone finds themselves coming to the Puerto Vallarta area, she says to look her up! She's at 775 Matamoras, Cinco Flores, Numero 1, behind *Café des Artistes* trying to live the life of an artist! "It's been too long since I've seen any of you!"

Jacqueline Coles Penny writes: "Hello darlings, hope you're well and happy. I moved back to Vero Beach in Jul. to be closer to my parents. I still teach Adult Ed, this time at Indian River Coll., and I'm happy—wish everyone would come visit me (not all at once of course); this truly is paradise! Call soon, in the phone book under JC Penny :-). Be well and email SOON!xoxo."

Miriam "Mim" Washabaugh Meglan writes, "In May, I played for the '07 Reunion Memorial Service and then went to the Westminster Choir Coll. in Princeton, NJ, for a week of choral conducting "camp." I still study organ and piano and have started brushing up on rusty music theory skills. At Homecoming this fall, I made new friends from other classes and got to hear the Blue

Ridge Piano Quartet that's in residence at SBC this year. It was simply wonderful to hear music performed at such a refined level by Music Dept. faculty. Am just back from a 2nd trip to campus to start planning music for the reunion '08 Memorial Service. Vaughn will be retiring in the next year or so, and I'm hopeful that the increased flexibility will make it possible for me to pursue graduate music studies."

Ann Millbank Mell's big family news is that Meredith is engaged to a wonderful fellow whom she met in Boston at B school. "They seem wonderfully suited for each other and have decided to get married in NJ next Jul.! We couldn't be happier for them. In the meantime we'll be coordinating the wedding from coast to coast as Meredith and Blair have lived in San Fran since graduation '06! Brother John lives 3 blocks away from them so it's so convenient to visit them both, which we 3 east-coasters did the middle of Oct. Caitlin works in NYC for Global McCann, almost a year, and lives in Astoria, Queens. All 3 kids have medical insurance so they're on track for supporting us in our old age! John has been a consultant for Global Resources International, on assignment at Citibank, and I still manage the practice of a child and adolescent psychiatrist and help my dad (95) negotiate doctors' etc. appointments. I imagine we've all been having a hoot at our 40th h.s. reunions this year. That number crept up on me! Sending my best to all and encouraging everyone to start planning to come to our next SBC reunion. They're too much fun to miss!"

Camilla "Cami" Crocker Wodehouse has been involved in 3 separate moves: "my son to Richmond, my mother-in-law to assisted living (and all the cleaning out that entails), and my daughter to Saratoga Springs, NY, all within 6 wks. "I'm having my son's engagement party here on 11/11/07. He married a lovely young lady from New Bern, NC on 10/6/07. She's a veterinarian; they met at the U. FL while he was getting his M.B.A. He works for Florida Rock Industries as Director of Sales for Central VA. Daughter Carey accepted a job as Editor at Palio Communications in Saratoga Springs. She found an adorable carriage house, is 3 min. from work, and gets to wear all the winter clothes she got while working in Chicago. She will, however, be crying to me about the lack of tan. Life's tough! Chuck retired 1 ½ yrs ago from CSX and we haven't looked back. Took our boat to the Bahamas for a month the summer before last (just in case that sounds remotely glamorous, I smelled like diesel fuel for weeks, but got quite good at changing Racor filters in high seas), went to St. Barts with UVA/Hollins buddies last Mar. and going again this Mar., spent last Jun. in France with 2 wks on a boat we chartered on the *Canal du Midi* (as an aside, my French sucked! What a disappointment!), visited friends in upstate Michigan in Aug., and DG and Trish Van Clief will be here in a few days for the engagement party. We hope to do some boating and fishing, although if we just veg that will be fine, too!

Enjoyed an all-too-short visit from Jacque Penny in Jun. right before we left for France, but hope to catch up with her again. Went to Sea Island in May with **Nan Glazer LaGow**. **Michela English** and buddies from class of '72. When my son moved to Richmond last month and desperately needed some decorating advice, Nan jumped in and saved the day! She's the *best*! Hope you're all happy, healthy, and living the life! Love, Cami."

Lynne Manov Sprinsky has had more to do than she can say grace over since completing the BALIMOT™ curriculum in Jul. She's been teaching riders to improve their seats using techniques of "motion mediation" developed by Eckart Meyners, a German Ph.D. kinesiologist. Her private student load doubled in 2 mos, and she's been doing clinics from coast to coast. She acquired an ancient, but venerable, schoolmaster named Angelo who'd fallen on hard times and was a bag of bones. After getting him sound, she plans to use him to teach students who've never sat on a well-trained dressage horse. Meanwhile she's trying to off-load a bunch of volunteer jobs she took on when she had only a few students and no horse and more time than sense. She managed to take time out for a 2-wk holiday in Austria and Switzerland despite the dollar's weakness. She attended the Spanish Riding School's Sun. matinee performance in Vienna and a Mozart concert in the hall where "Wolfie" used to play in Salzburg, and during the Swiss leg of the trip, she feasted on cheese and chocolate. "There's only one bargain left in Switzerland," she reports. "It's the Cailier-Nestle chocolate factory in Broc, where the tour is free and afterwards, in the sampling hall where a long line of tables topped with mirrors display neat lines of chocolates, it's all-you-can-eat!"

Martha Roton Terry writes that her son "Caldwell, passed his AL State Real Estate exam, so he's going to try his hand at real estate in Huntsville with a good buddy. At least he's still in AL! Unfortunately, real estate is a commission job, so he'll probably be on my payroll for a while until he gets established, hopefully sooner than later! Ann graduates in Dec. She's studying for her GREs on 11/16/07 and hopes for a magazine internship after graduation; she has applied for several that start in Jan. Hopefully, she will find one close by, not in D.C., NYC, or LA, where most of the magazines are headquartered! She wants to try her hand at writing, but if she can't get a job, she'll probably go to grad school in American Studies. Frances and I are trying to line up another cruise, maybe a European river. We found one that starts in Amsterdam and goes down the Rhine into the Black Forest—doesn't that sound wonderful! Frances is talking to her cruise agent friend to get more info.

Gale Hull Whetzel (that's *me*!) is still in Columbus and busy with many things that she usually can't remember! We've been to a *lot* of weddings in the past year. Many of the children we've watched grow up decided to get married at the same time!

I'm active with a large non-denominational church and a small home church, and I've taken some intensive classes in theology. Who knows? I might enter a seminary at some point! I've been seeing several doctors in Columbus, Cleveland, and Detroit, and we remain hopeful that the kidney cancer I've had for 11 years is still being lazy and will remain operable. Our youngest son, Jamie, and his wife of 2 years, Beth, and their 2 cats moved from NC to OH last Aug. Specifically to *our* house in OH! (I think there's a betting pool among our friends as to how long this will last!) It's been only mildly stressful, and Gene and I are lucky to have the chance to get to know Beth better! She's like the daughter I never had! They'll soon move into their new house about 10 min. away, so we'll be on our own again. It's great to have them so much closer! Our oldest son Robin continues to work and lead a quiet life. Gene is still with the OH State Bar Assn. and has talked about retiring, but not yet. I hope you're all doing wonderfully well and that you'll be as generous with your replies for the next "go round" of Class Notes as you were this time! If you didn't receive an e-mail about these notes and would like to, let Lynne or me know. Hopefully, we'll leave enough time for snail mail next time!

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The Oct. 19 Washington Post article on SBC prompted me to connect with classmates. I emailed the website and received a number of responses; comments along with news. Thanks to all who responded. If you didn't receive my email, I don't have your address. Please send to Jilljohnson@isillc.us.

Grace Janelle Sherfy Straszheim wrote that the picture of Reid was beautiful, with the lovely horses in the foreground. It made her nostalgic for the beauty of the campus. Janelle and husband think life is pretty good. They've gotten through the majority of child rearing and are dodging any "boomerang" children. With the combination of their 2 "homegrown" kids, Rebecca (23), an engineer and David (21), a student at Washington U., and her husband's earlier children, they've got 5 children with a span of 22 years between them. Last year they had children with ages in the 40s, 30s, 20s and teens! Janelle's youngest stepchild, Sarah (34) has been diagnosed with MS, a big blow. Any advice from classmates on how to best deal with this disease would be welcome. Grace's work continues to involve "death and taxes." She works as trust counsel for a trust company, and also has a part-time legal practice in estate planning and estate administration. Her pleasure time still involves horses; she has an Arabian for endurance races and trail riding. Her longest distance race so far has been 60 mi. (in 12 hrs). She can be found riding on weekends

and days off. Her husband continues to teach economics, but has retired from his Chairmanship appointment at the U. MD.

Trish Neale Van Clief and Dg are celebrating their 1st grandchild, born 3/17/07 in Australia to son Danny (30) and wife Anna, a native Aussie. Danny and Anna met 9 yrs ago through mutual friends. Trish and Dg flew a whole plane-full of groomsmen over for a beautiful ceremony and fun wedding. Trish writes the Aussies *really* know how to do fun things. After a 5-year stint in the U.S., Danny and Anna returned to Sydney so Danny could pursue his M.B.A at the Australian Graduate School of Management. Baby Daniel Graham Van Clief, a precious little man, has dual citizenship. Daughter Helen (29) is a corporate litigator at AkIn Gump in Austin, TX, where she lives with talented husband Chase, an architect, painter, and musician. They were married 4 yrs ago at the Van Clief family farm, Nidrie Stud. in Scottsville, VA, only 40 min. from SBC. Dg and Trish are retired from the Breeders Cup Ltd, but continue to be involved in the thoroughbred world in KY and probably always will. They treasure life-long friends and family, and have 3 barking Marley-type dogs plus an insane 14-year-old cat whose weekly shedding could fill a suitcase. They totally rule. Trish and Dg can only travel after extensive preparations for their pets' every need. Trish was sorry to miss reunion, but is proud of the great job the class did in raising money and making such a good showing. She's excited about what she sees and reads about our beloved alma mater. Best wishes to all '72ers and Viva La SBC!

The Washington Post article brought back so many great memories that **Elise Webb Neeland** decided to take time to write a note. What a beautiful campus we all enjoyed! Nice to see it recognized. Husband David still works (too hard) in his Radiology practice, but is trying to find a way to retire. Older daughter Leslie and husband still live in San Fran (his hometown), beginning their 3rd year of practicing law. Younger daughter Elizabeth works in Atlanta for a PR and marketing firm. No grandkids yet, but Liz has a great dog she adopted from a shelter.

Since Reunion, **Marion Walker** went to Anchorage, AK, to try a lawsuit and happily won—a bit boring, she says, having to do with finance leases. She was there 17 days but managed to see magnificent Denali and relax for a few days. Marion then tried another big case in Aug. in Huntsville, at the top of the heat wave. Another good result put Marion in a great mood, despite the hot air. In the mean time, she worked at getting her mother the Lady peas and fresh tomatoes she loved. Unfortunately, Marion's mother took a turn in late Sept. and died on the 24th. It was a blow, but the support of friends has been terrific, including SBC friends **Margaret Hayes Brunstad** and **Susan Waller Nading**. Marion's precious nephew, Michael Walker, was married to Susan Burns from Gainesville, GA, on 10/6/07, and they live in Birmingham where he practices law with Bradley Arant. Marion is Senior Counsel with Ford & Harrison LLP.

a national Labor and Employment boutique law firm, and handles all types of litigation in this area and in commercial matters. In her spare time, she's putting some little stories on paper. She keeps in touch with **Nan Glaser LaGow** who she saw after reunion and who has been cleared for a 2nd time of breast cancer. In Birmingham, Marion serves as the President of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, which commits 98% of every dollar to research at UAB's Comprehensive Cancer Center. Everyone concentrate on a cure!

Dedicated **Ginger Upchurch** emailed from Santiago, Chile, where she and husband Tom were on at the tail end of an SBC Argentina-Chile trip. It has been fabulous, she said, and they celebrated the Washington Post article with fellow travelers.

Linda Odum enjoyed the nice article about SBC. Unfortunately, she's not recovering from her back surgery as expected, *still* under "house arrest." She drives, but only for short distances, and that's about all. Linda still deals with pain and sitting in any position for long is agonizing. Consequently, she doesn't sleep well either which is the worst, because she's always been a good little sleeper and needs her 8 hrs. Prayerfully, she'll be better soon. Linda, this has been a long haul for you. Let's hope you have happy news for next time.

Still living in AK, **Vivan Finlay** has reduced her private psychotherapy practice to part time because she travels a lot with her husband for Rotary International, a volunteer service organization. Vivan and husband have 7 children (from previous marriages) and 20 grandchildren; only one child and 2 grandchildren live in AK. They enjoy traveling to visit all the family, visiting her siblings and mother in Ireland, and England.

SBC Homecoming was fun for **Betty Moricle** who attended the special Tusculum lectures. She learned a lot of architectural facts about the historic "new" home, which will be located between SB House and the hockey field.

Edna Ann Osmanski Loftus found the article delightful. She thinks SBC is a beautiful place, special for many tangible and intangible reasons. Edna Ann continues her professional life at St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll., serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of English. The excellent liberal arts education she received at SBC continues to be foundation of all she does. She cherished the opportunity to catch up with classmates at our 35th reunion last May.

Bev Horne Domerich wrote that after younger son Stephen left for FSU in Aug., their home has seemed cavernous and dull without "party boy." Stephen has hundreds of friends, all of whom have been at their home at one time or another, sleeping, swimming, skiing off the docks, and eating everything in the kitchen. Now Bev cooks once or twice a week; laundry is down to 3 loads; and Bev and John go to movies, h.s. volleyball games, and play tennis to fill their nights. John took Bev to the US

Open in NYC for their first fabulous "empty nest 3 day weekend." Now it's easy to pop over to Miami for a party, Boca Raton for a reunion, and up to Tampa to see young John, who attends John Sr.'s law school alma mater. Life is good!

The best part of reunion for **Carter Frackelton** was having her 1st roommate, **Sue Shields White** come from TX for her 1st reunion ever! Carter and Sue extended their visit in Fredericksburg for another night. In the fall Carter had a wonderful Mediterranean cruise visiting several Greek Isles and Turkey and enjoying a couple of days in Rome at the beginning and end. She loved every bit, except for the heat and crowds. Unfortunately she returned with a whopper of a cold and is just now getting straight after a bit of surgery, too. Carter probably holds the record for nephew weddings this year: 3! She traveled to Jacksonville Beach, FL; Charleston, SC; and Avondale, PA. With all her activities, she and **Ginnie B Payne Sasser** haven't had their movie time. Carter reports **Janet Nelson Gibson** has a new position as a Title 1 Reading Resource Specialist in Spotsylvania County.

Marty Neill Boney and Bill have come through Fredericksburg on their way to Canada or DC, and they always have a wonderful visit with Carter. Marty goes back and forth to Southern Pines almost every other weekend to check on her parents who have had lots of health problems. Marty and Bill went to San Fran in Sept. for her niece's wedding, and spent time in Aug. at their family's cottage in Canada where she and Bill fell in love with kayaking. Every year Marty helps Carter with Christmas shopping, usually a long weekend in Raleigh in the fall, but this year they're planning on a new venue, Wilmington. I'm expecting a report of major success.

Dale Shelly Graham and James are empty nesters. They left their big house in the 'burbs and moved into DC where they can walk to Starbucks, Neiman-Marcus, and the subway. Son Fielding is a junior at SMU in Dallas, and daughter Lily is a freshman at Davidson in NC where she plays Division I women's lacrosse. When people ask Dale what she's going to do now that the kids are gone, she tells them "anything I want."

Now that husband Tim Barberich has retired, **Eileen Gebrian** finds time to travel. They visit daughters Sophie and Lily wherever they might be: NYC, Paris, Ontario. Eileen and Tim have been able to enjoy their lovely island home in Nantucket more and in the fall took a golf trip to Scotland.

The perpetual traveler **Karen Medford** is joining up with **Eileen Gebrian** for a yoga trip to Bali. Karen plans to spend Christmas in Egypt, traveling the Nile and hitting all the highlights during the holidays. Lucky girl. Karen, Dale, **Mary Heller**, and I get together for lunch in Bethesda, then shopping of course. Mary Heller still hosts any and all SBCers who come to DC when she isn't visiting her mother weekends in Atlanta or working at the National Institute of Health (NIH).

In Birmingham, **Susan Waller Nading** enjoys bridge, golf, hiking and traveling when she isn't playing with her grandson Ward. She and Alex joined 5 other W&L couples, including Liz Cleary Woodard and her husband, on a barge trip in France this fall. In the coming year, she plans to visit Nicaragua where Alex III studies pollution issues. Alex is a cultural anthropologist who was awarded a Fulbright and a grant from the Mellon Foundation for his doctoral thesis work. Will works at a local bank and plans to apply to grad school, while Murray works hard in commercial real estate and enjoys life with baby Ward and her husband.

Kathy Keys Graham and Bill keep busy in Birmingham. Son David is a senior at Auburn where he was elected president of the civil engineering honor society. Keys says he's much smarter and nicer than she was in college. He even spent time down in MS helping people rebuild after Katrina.

I, **Jill Johnson** just returned from another wonderful trip to the Republic of Georgia, where I traveled as a consultant to Project HOPE aboard a C17 to deliver \$11 mill. pharmaceuticals to hospitals in Tbilisi. This was my 3rd trip to this most ancient and beautiful of countries in the former Soviet Union. I'm on the Board of a small foundation improving living conditions for an orphanage in Saguramo outside Tbilisi. Fortunately, I had an extra day on my trip so I could take 2 suitcases filled with toys and school supplies to the children. We're working to repair/renovate the orphanage facilities and bring in special vocational tutors to prepare the children for life after the orphanage. As you can tell, this trip to Georgia was rewarding in many different ways.

Again, thanks to all who responded to my email. If you prefer, you can always snail me. We'd all like to hear more news from our class.

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Greetings to all our classmates from **Diane Dale Reiling**, **Joan May Harden** and myself, **Susan Dern Plank** after a lovely long weekend at SBC for Homecoming '07! We're sorry that more of you couldn't join us as it was picture-perfect every day, lots of sunshine. Being on campus is always the inspiration we need to make plans for our reunion, just a few months away, on May 16th–18th, '08.

In anticipation of that gathering, I'll mention some information we gleaned while on campus. As many of you may already have heard, SBC was listed as "most

beautiful campus' among the 366 colleges ranked (albeit unscientifically) by the 2008 Princeton Review. In another survey on national student engagement, both seniors and first year students were polled and for the 3rd year in a row, SBC ranked in the top 10% in every category, from career services and career opportunities (5th in the nation) to classroom discussion strongly encourage to accessibility of professors to recognition of the high quality of the faculty instructing them. This semester 221 new students were enrolled, a class size 50% larger than the average 4 yrs ago. The plan is for an average sized class of 240 students in coming years. For a change, a majority of those enrolling are from VA, but 23 states and 2 countries are represented among the first year students. 2 of the young women are from Afghanistan, originally headed for Harvard until their sponsoring organization visited SBC and saw all it had to offer.

And, in what may be a 1st for our class, we have a legacy daughter among the first year students! Emily Barton, daughter of **Pat Hite Barton**, is a member of the Class of '11! There are also 15 M.A.T. students on campus, a good beginning for the program. With this number of students on campus, there's a need for dorm space, especially for those wanting an apartment-type setting, so that's on the "wish list" for the Dean of Co-Curricular Life. Among the newer features of current dorm life are floors devoted to ecology and international studies, as well as academically oriented housing. Additionally, a campaign is underway for expansion and improvements of the athletic facilities for all students, whether or not they are part of a team. Towards that end, before proposed construction begins on the gym (which will start when fundraising is completed), the fitness and wellness equipment has been upgraded. Proposals for the new athletic facility include a movie theater and a snack bar to make it more of a gathering spot for students. Students are participating in a new program which awards a "Leadership Certificate Program" at the end of a 3-year curriculum, which provides a structured way for students to gain experience and receive credit for academic and experiential learning. It stresses both personal growth (including communication skills, time management and ethical decision making) and group projects which involve teamwork. Read more about this innovative program on the college's website and the magazine. It was good to hear that the college has halved the amount of revenues it relies on from the endowment, despite the fact that income from tuition and other fees account for only 60 cents of every dollar spent on a student. The plan is to wean the college from its dependence on the endowment to balance the budget. Other enhancements planned for existing facilities include renovations at the library and the Pannell Art Gallery so that climate controls are in place to protect historic books and works of art on paper. The last campaign raised \$111 million, with 87% of alumnae participating. This past year, reunion classes raised

\$1.1 million for the college's Annual Fund. Indiana Fletcher Williams' farsightedness, courage and passion for women's education continue its 110 year legacy in the generosity of current alumnae. Things are happening thanks to *your* philanthropy!

An exciting part of the weekend was the Sat. afternoon session on "Moving Tusculum Home." The childhood home of Maria Antoinette Crawford, Indiana Fletcher's mother, Tusculum was built in the mid-18th century and remained intact, with virtually all of its original features, despite generations of use. It is considered one of the oldest and most architecturally significant dwellings in the Virginia Piedmont, according to Kathleen Kilpatrick '76, director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Recently it was slated for demolition, but the current property owners allowed various groups time to do archaeological field work, document the structure "in situ" and plan for its preservation. A bold decision was made to reconnect the structure with its family and move it to the SBC campus. It was disassembled over several months by Timothy Robinson and his crew at Heartland Millwork and Restoration. Now safely stored in the SBC Dairy barn, the house will be reconstructed on a new site below Sweet Briar House, near the athletic fields on the road to Sweet Briar Lake, only a few miles from its original location. It will be used for future programs combining historic preservation, education, state and local history. A historic treasure whose architectural elements are said to rival Monticello and Montpelier (President James Madison's retirement home), it is indeed visionary of all those at SBC and within other state agencies and preservation groups to create a new use for this unique building when it was difficult initially to see beyond the vegetation that covered the exterior walls. This is one example of the things we see each time we return to campus and realize how vibrant and current the college is on all fronts. Come and see for yourselves in May!

On a sad note, I must report the deaths of several classmates. **Marcia (Marcy) Stanley Verse**'s death was reported to the Alumnae Office, but a sympathy note sent to her last known address in Walpole, NH was returned by the post office.

Karen Nielsen Grammaticus died in early 8/07, on Cape Cod after battling ovarian cancer. She was the office manager for her husband's medical practice. Her hobbies included reading (which resulted in "an encyclopedic knowledge of English literature"), gourmet cooking and gardening. She is survived by her mother, husband Andrew, a son and a daughter, as well as her sister.

Kathy Williams Stant of Richmond, VA died 8/24/07. She is survived by her husband, Vernon, and many cousins.

Lillian Battle Dugger London's husband, Steven London, recently generously endowed a scholarship at SBC in her memory. The criteria for awarding it reflect her passion for art and their shared memories

of returning to college for degrees at later points in their lives. The scholarship is to be awarded to a mature student residing in VA and majoring in art or engineering. Steven's original vocation. He was able to join us for Homecoming and we could easily understand how a chance meeting when Lili was looking for an apartment—aided by double rainbows over the NYC skyline—became the love of a lifetime. Although Homecoming was his first visit to the campus, he succumbed quickly to its charms.

Other life-changing events are occurring in our classmates' lives. **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin** moved cross-country from Milton, MA to La Jolla, CA to take a new job. She's now the Dean of Students at The Bishop's School there, a day school of 725, grades 7-12. Congratulations to her! Unfortunately this means she won't be able to attend reunion as the school's graduation is just a week later. Weezie writes, "Having lived on the east coast my entire life, this move was prompted by a desire for an adventure and the opportunity to live in another part of the U.S. Bob and I drove 3,800 mi. cross-country in late Jul. and are living ½ block from the beach in an apartment provided by the school for my 1st year here. Bob's business as an educational consultant is booming and requires him to be bi-coastal (that either sounds sophisticated or crazy) and he is out here about 10 days at a time. Alexa (30) is finishing up a few missing credits at Hood Coll. Blake (28) is in the final stages of his Ph.D. dissertation and is applying for teaching jobs for the fall of '08. I'm hoping he ends up on the west coast. Christopher (25) is at Rye Country Day as head of the squash program and as a 2nd grade assistant teacher. He's working on his master's in early childhood education at Bank Street School in NYC." When I asked Weezie about the wildfires in her area, she said some of the families who have children in her school have lost their homes, but LaJolla is far enough away that she is only affected by the ash and smoke smell. Both Weezie and **Jill Hepinstall** are happy to be on the Reunion Committee.

Diane Dale Reiling has had a busy few months preparing one home for sale; then after a quick sale the family moved to a rental briefly during the closing and then moved into a new home they had found. With her son Steve graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and daughter Erica at Seattle Pacific U., she and Chuck decided to downsize with both children more or less out of the nest. Their timing was perfect based on what has happened subsequently in the housing market. A tour of New England was planned for late Sept. to celebrate their anniversary and Chuck's milestone birthday.

Joan May Harden and her husband had a lovely trip to Napa Valley in Oct.—lots of vintages to sample! Her mother-in-law moved in with them in mid-summer from FL so everyone is adjusting to rearranged spaces. They visited their grandson for his 1st birthday at their daughter's home in Northern VA. Whenever possible, they spend a weekend at their cabin near Lexington,

where husband Richard and 2 of their 3 children graduated from W & L.

Lucinda Young Larson had a lovely reception at her home for President Muhlenfeld when she visited the Boston area this spring ('07), attended by about 50 alums. She's busy as the treasurer for the volunteer associates at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Milton Garden Club. Older son Robert graduated from Furman with a B. S. in math and economics. He spent the summer working for the family business and is now branching out to design websites. Younger son Andrew is a senior at Milton Academy and is in the throes of applying to colleges with architectural programs. She and her family enjoy their 2nd home in the Charleston, SC area as often as possible. Lucinda often sees Trisha Greenberg '74 when they're there.

Glenys Dyer Church recently celebrated 25 years with Northrop Grumman (successor to TRW). In honor of the occasion, she and husband Doug were flown to a company dinner in NYC, which they enjoyed very much. Her latest assignment involves a project for the IRS, whose offices are at the end of the orange line on the Metro, but feels fortunate she doesn't have to commute by car. She's very glad she went to SBC as she was a math major, and as there were often just 6–8 students in her classes. She hopes to see **Barb Cain Hegarty**, **Lyn Fisher Cortright**, and **Kathy Waters Marshall** (whose husband, Lawson, had died not long before we gathered in May '03) at reunion in just a few short weeks, and especially any other classmates who haven't returned to campus since graduation.

Betsy Thayer made a courageous career change. She completed her degree at the U. NE and now has a masters in social work. Her elder daughter graduated from CT Coll. in 5/06 and started a new job with the Small Business Administration in DC in fall '07. Her younger daughter is deferring college for a year. She hopes to see **Candy Sheffield Neilson**, **Chris Sherwood Warner**, and **Sharon Sanders Williams** at reunion '08.

In Oct., **Betsy Meric Gambrel** wrote that she, **Magee Leigh** and **Lisa Fowler Winslow** are planning to attend reunion. **Jane Lowrrey Tierney** may also. She strongly encourages **Lisa Slatten** and **Dessa Rutter** to do the same, although Dessa will be a newlywed!

Living in Senoia, GA, **Alison Baker** works as the studio manager for Gary Gruby Studio. Gary, Alison's husband, is a photographer. Dylan is a junior at GA Southern U. and Jesse is a freshman at GA State.

I talked with **Mac Cuthbert Langley** in Mt. Pleasant, SC. She sounded terrific and, with her characteristic humor and creativity, has launched an adult bib enterprise, TyOneOn, with a friend. Johnny is the Chief Medical Officer at the East Cooper Regional Medical Center, owned by Tenet, a job he loves although it entails frequent travel. Will lives in Mt. Pleasant and is the parts manager at a local tire company. Hibernia

lives in Fredericksburg, VA, for Geico and has earned several promotions. Cuthbert is a senior in h.s. and going through the college process. Mac talked with **Lisa Marshall Chalmers** who still lives in Atlanta and does portrait painting. Her son Marshall is at Harvard Law School and Elizabeth is a senior at U.GA.

I had lunch with **Jane Knutson James** it was fun to catch up. "Little Nuts" is substituting in the local h.s., a job that challenges even the feistiest. Michael is the Deputy Sports Editor of the *LA Times* and an avid golfer. Patrick (26) lives in LA and is working on a joint M.A. in English and M.F.A. in Creative Writing at Chapman U. while working as Assistant Editor at *Good Magazine*. Elizabeth (24) lives in Huntington Beach, CA and is in nursing school at CSULB.

Nan Robertson Clarke resigned her job as development director for a small non-profit last Nov., "a part-time job that turned out not to be." Then, thinking she had loads of free time, has over-committed to community boards and other things. The groups often put her in charge of their newsletters, "just a continuation of the SBC News." She's on the W&L Alumni Board so is in Lexington several times a year. Jarratt is teaching, coaching, and dorm parenting (in boarding school terms, the triple threat) at the Millbrook School in Millbrook, NY; Toby is getting a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology/Genetics at UNC-Chapel Hill; Charlie is at Wachovia; and Robbie is doing the triple threat at the Blue Ridge School outside of Charlottesville. Hal is still at Wachovia, in the same building as Charlie.

Renee Sterling, Second Vice President of Wealth Management, Portfolio Manager, and Financial Advisor at Smith Barney, was named a SRI Advisor, one of 79 in the U.S. and is licensed in 18 states. She lives in Dallas and LA and serves on the Dallas Opera's Board of Trustees. You can see one of her projects on Sundance Channel—Socially Responsible Green Advisors.

Mary Beverly Taylor Haque continues as a Landscape Architect and the Alumni Distinguished Professor (she didn't volunteer that information, I found it on Clemson's website) in Clemson's Dept. of Horticulture. Husband Imtiaz Haque is a Professor and Chair of Clemson's Dept. of Mechanical Engineering. Their 3 children are Noman (35), Omar (22), and Mariana (20).

Jean Platt Rospondek lives in Cinnaminson, NJ, with husband Stanley J. Rospondek, a retired address management specialist with USPS. Jean remains active as a golf professional with the LPGA. Jessica Spencer Pace (26), in Scottsville, VA, outside of Charlottesville, teaches 2nd grade. She has 2 children: Colin (3) and Grayson (1). Kathryn (Katie, 24) works for the American Cancer Society in Boston.

Susan Craig celebrated the 25th anniversary of her design firm. Congrats! Her older son is a junior at Davidson; younger son is a sophomore at the Coll. of Charleston. She plans to come back for reunion, but would especially make an effort if **Jane McCutcheon McFadden** and **Robin Harmon O'Neil** do—ladies, we

look forward to seeing all 3 of you in a few months!

I, **Susan Dern Plank**, continue with several volunteer activities related to education and the environment. Our daughter Elena finished at Dickinson Coll. and is job searching from home. David continues as an engineering consultant with The Gordian Group, having spent much of the spring and summer with clients in Baltimore and Harrisburg, PA. We enjoyed 2 trips to Belize this year. Our stay in Jan. was so relaxing that we decided to return in Jun. to celebrate David's 55th birthday and our 30th anniversary. We were relieved that Hurricane Dean spared the island and its people from the worst! One fun thing: Pinkie Wornham '51 is a former faculty member at my new school, The Bishop's School. In addition, she has grandchildren who attend Milton Academy, my former school, as well as Bishop's, my current school.

Block out that weekend of May 16th–18th, '08 *now* as it will be wonderful to reconnect with each other and get to know other classmates better. See you soon back at "The Patch"!

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I'm late with class notes this year. Please excuse tardiness. On 5/13/07, Mothers' Day, my father suddenly passed away. Although I had dreaded this event for years, I'm thankful for the wonderful relationship I had with him and for the memories that keep me going even when I'm not sure I can go on. Dad was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on 8/6/07. I gave the eulogy in the Fort Myer Chapel. A caisson drawn by 6 horses conveyed Dad to his final resting place. The ceremony was beautiful and dignified—the way Dad told me he wanted it to be. Life without him is empty and cold, but I keep him alive in my heart and mind. I stay busy at my church, where I sing in the choir. Last year, I took the Stephen Ministry training course and was commissioned as a Stephen Minister in Aug. On 10/11/06, I became a great aunt when my niece Ashley (21) gave birth to Michael John Carpenter III.

From Franklin, VA, **Betsy Brooks Jones** writes that daughter Brownrigg married Rob Snow in May. They live in Arlington. Brownrigg is a speech pathologist at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in D.C. Son Thomas is pursuing his Ph.D. at Cambridge in England. "Yes, I know," says Betsy, "He is smart and funny and great to be with."

Recently, Betsy visited **Patty O'Malley Brunger** in Dallas. She accompanied **Ellen Harrison Saunders** and her daughter Grace to ML, where they visited Ellen's older daughter, Mary-Carson. Betsy states that Ellen is a young mom and makes those with her feel young as well. "We tried to fit into our jeans and stay hip with Ellen's daughters. . .ouch! That was hard!"

"I'm busier not working than I was while working!" states **Catherine Cranston Whittham**. Still in Richmond, she does fundraising and development work on 2 boards of non-profits, planning a centennial celebration at another benevolent organization, and reading to 3rd graders at an inner-city school. Catherine finds it pleasant and rewarding to work with **Ellen Harrison Saunders** on a fundraising project for a statewide non-profit. Husband Whit still practices banking law and plays scratch golf whenever he can. Son Craig works on The Hill for a VA congressman. Daughter Ann, who received her MA in urban and environmental planning at UVA, works for a transportation planning firm in Charlottesville. When not busy with volunteer work, Catherine relaxes in Cashiers, NC, where **Carroll Waters Summerour** and husband Toby live. Recently ordained as an Episcopal priest, Toby has been called as Associate Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The summer ours enjoy living in Cashiers, whose year-round residents are delighted to have Toby in the pulpit. Carroll transferred away from SBC after sophomore year and married Toby soon after.

Maria Jones Tisdale and husband George live in Richmond and have 2 daughters: Sara, a UVA graduate, and Anna, a first-year at VCU in Richmond. Sara works in DC for U.S. News and World Report. Maria and George are beginning to experience the empty-nest lifestyle. They got 2 cats to help fill the emptiness.

Carol Leslie St. John says life is good in Essex Falls, NJ. Oldest son Bryan (26) lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he works for a private equity firm. Son Kevin (24) works for Credit Suisse in San Francisco, while the youngest, Harry, is spending a semester in Australia. Harry is a junior and a lacrosse player at W&L. Carol and husband Tommy spent the summer at Jersey Shore. **Martha French Roberts** and daughter Malone, a sophomore at SBC, visited them for a week, as did **Lizanne Fisher**. Carol was going to see **Kathie Shirk Gonnick** at the beach. Carol had lunch in NYC with **Mary Henningsen Collins**, **Dorsey Tillett Northrup**, **Roseanne Toppin Cranz** and her charming daughter, Foster. Carol's interior design business keeps her busy. She planned to spend Thanksgiving in CA with Kev. The entire family will be with Bryan in Argentina at Christmas.

Patty O'Malley Brunger lives in Richardson, TX. She says, "Our sons are out in the world and doing well, for which we are grateful." She had a wonderful visit with **Betsy Brooks Jones** in spring. "It's amazing," observes Patty, "that we went from being friends in school to being women

with grown children—so quickly!"

Ginny Shipe Cameron celebrated the centennial of her family business in Severna Park, MD, this year. They've moved to a new facility which they built, throwing a huge anniversary party on 9/21. Ginny was fortunate to have her uncle (88) and father (82) in attendance, along with suppliers, friends, employees, and former employees. Ginny's grandfather started the company in 1907. Both sons work for the company.

Polly Shriver Kochan is about to begin a new job at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia. There, she will join a group of 5 "other fantastic pediatric radiologists." Temple U. Children's Medical Center, Polly's former workplace, is closing. Husband Jeff is still Director of Interventional Neuroradiology at Temple and still "working too hard!" They dream of early retirement in Jackson Hole, WY, where they have land on which they'll start building their cabin in spring. Older son Michael is employed as a financial analyst at IMS Health Consortium in the Philly area. He is applying to business schools. His 1st choice is Darden at UVA. Younger son is in his 2nd year at H-SC, loves it!

From Newport Beach, CA, **Patti Tucker O'Desky** writes that she visited Charleston, SC, this year. While there, she had cocktails on the boat on which she stayed with **Anne Coggsweil Burris** and **Wendy Wise Routh**. The visit from Wendy was a surprise, for she happened to be in Charleston helping her son move into his dorm at Coll. of Charleston, where he is a first-year. "It was great to see both of them and we all decided that we are exactly the same as we were in 1971 when we met on 2nd floor of Meta Glass!" Patti's niece, Mallory Sherwood, is a junior at SBC. Daughter Ally, a student at Wellesley in MA, is spending her junior year at U. Coll. London. Son Charley, h.s. senior, is applying to colleges. He hopes to go to the east coast. Patti enjoys golfing and, with husband Billy, will soon celebrate her 30th anniversary.

Thanks to all who wrote and who expressed sympathy over the death of my father. Since I've heard from only a few of you, I urge the rest of you to send me your news! I'll have them ready for the next issue. I realize that not everybody has e-mail. If you don't, call me or contact me by snail mail. I'll take submissions any time. Hope everyone is well. You make me happy with your positive, upbeat outlook on life. I'm proud to claim you as friends. God bless you!

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Patti Wornom Henry-Arnold is working for the Air Force Library System in the Azores. She'll return to San Antonio TX in 5/08. Chaz (24) lives and works in San Antonio; Ashley (21) is in nursing school at TX Tech in Lubbock. Sean (18) is in his senior year of h.s. Patti says she "feels old."

Stephanie Maxson Kenyon is in her 4th year of teaching; her husband retired from teaching but substitutes often. Oldest Jay entered h.s. this year and is the star catcher on a travel baseball team. Youngest Mike plays lacrosse and loves 6th grade. Stephanie says, "We were able to spend 3 wks at the family home in ME this summer. What a treat! Other than that, we're going through home improvement hell, into our 4th week without a working kitchen."

Becky Mayer Gutierrez says son George is getting married to Alison in 7/08. Anthony and Tara expect a baby in 3/08; Michael is a junior in h.s., doing well academically and in sports. Becky still teaches 4th grade and says, "I enjoy my job and love my family. I'm extremely busy but loving it. My sons and Alison, Tara, and I went to Disney World in FL this Aug., a stupendous time." (Becky doesn't recommend the FL summer heat for young children!)

Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan is in her 11th year as director of Admissions at Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr, PA. Her 2 oldest graduated college, work, and live on their own in NYC and Philadelphia. She has a son at Georgetown U., and their youngest is a junior in h.s., so she's realizing an empty nest is drawing nearer. She and Pat still play lots of tennis and paddle tennis despite "advancing years." She sends her best to all, "especially those BUMS!"

Carla Kinney Reiniger writes that Heather (19) is a sophomore at U.F. in Gainesville where she's happy. Heather performed with an Independent World class finalist Winter Guard and has marched color guard for 2 seasons with a Canton OH-based Drum & Bugle Corps, the Bluecoats. Carla joined the Bluecoats in Boise, ID, and traveled with them for 2 weeks, helping serve 4 meals a day to 180 kids, taking uniforms to commercial Laundromats and anything else needed. She slept on air mattresses on h. s. classroom floors, took tepid showers, and traveled/slept on buses, to accompany Heather and the squad to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. Younger daughter Mallory (12) is in 7th grade, loves school, has lots of friends. Carla's husband works from home for AT&T on their VoIP offering. Carla loves being a stay-at-home mom in Safety Harbor FL. She doesn't hear from classmates much, but always reads class notes to catch up.

Vera Blake Thiers attended a mini-reunion at Rehoboth Beach in 9/07 with

Angela Scully, KC Carnwath, Linda Guardabassi and Cindy Webb Kari Anderson '76 joined in. Vera began a full-time job as manager of marketing and outreach for the Frankfurt Int'l School. Paul studies economics in Cologne and Kate, biotechnology in Munich. Vera would love to see any SBCers who come through.

Robin Holman Grubbs is in her 20th year of teaching 1st grade in Paducah, KY, and hopes to retire in 2 years. She spends time traveling in the summer and hopes to travel more after retirement.

Phooi-Ching Lai has an empty nest now that her younger daughter started at UVA in 8/07; her older daughter is a junior at Princeton. She and her hubby hope to see both daughters in Dec., and Phooi hopes to connect with **Linda Uhlein**.

Debbie Koss McCarthy writes that Courtney married 12/31/06 with Carrington Brown Wise '76 as the soloist—she sang Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, which she also sang in Debbie and David's wedding. Alex graduated from UVA and works in NYC; Courtney and husband live in Atlanta. David took early retirement and is consulting at UNC Chapel Hill. Debbie loves running the *Augustine Literacy Project*, which trains tutors to teach low income children to read, write, and spell. Debbie and David returned home from a trip to AK to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

And, I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, enjoy being your secretary again! You all probably saw the news story recently about Barack Obama being a cousin of Dick Cheney? When I saw the name of their common ancestor, Mareen Duvall, I recognized it—he was my great x8 grandfather. In playing with my genealogy software I discovered that Sen. Obama is my 8th cousin once removed and VP Cheney is my 9th cousin—which gives me quite a chuckle on both counts. I'm sure if we go back far enough, we're all related somehow. Pete and I attended the SBC 30th reunion in 5/07—a great time despite the small turnout—I hope to see more of you in 5 years!

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It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates! E-mail has allowed us to read amazing updates from '78ers during the past 5 years. Frequent comments included: "life is great," "life is a gift," "life is crazy." We enjoyed reading about your travels, found out that more of you are empty-nesters and read an incredible survival

story. We also were excited to read about 2 of our classmates who are engaged, one of whom will be married by the time these notes are published! By now, you have received information about our upcoming 30th reunion. Please plan on attending May 16–18, '08, so that we can continue to solidify the bond our class has to this day!

Edie Baird works as a retail customer service representative for Wachovia Bank. She'll resume gardening and yard work when cooler weather returns. Edie is involved with her church and with the Powhatan County Historical Society. She plans short trips with cousins to delve into family history. She'll help her grandfather move near her brother. Her nephews keep her busy with engagements and h.s. Edie looks forward to her sister and family visiting after 9 mos. in Australia. She added, "Things have been quiet and that's fine with me." We'll see you at reunion, Edie.

Anne Baldwin Mann and family are thriving in Jacksonville, FL. Anne reports the last 5 yrs have been a whirlwind. Anne has been a "stay-at-home" mom; her hands are full with kids' activities: varsity sports, traveling volleyball and lacrosse teams, college trips to the Northeast and Southeast from ME to SC, and 2 debutante seasons. Daughters Caroline (senior) and Elizabeth (sophomore) attend W&L and love it! Husband Randall and Anne had lots of fun making trips to his old stomping ground (and hers) and have bumped into **Ellen Sellers McDowell** and **Kathy Jackson Howe** among others. Anne sees her sister, Janet Baldwin McColloch '79, there as her niece attends W&L too. Anne ran into Lochrane Coleman Smith '76 on several college campus tours with their daughters, had fun catching up. To celebrate her daughters' h.s. graduations, Anne's family took 2 trips to Europe touring Italy, Switzerland, France, England, and Holland. One highlight for Anne was her reunion with her "Dutch father" from her semester abroad. Her family thought he was such a character. This spring, Randall and Anne visited Caroline in Vienna where she spent a semester abroad; then all 3 traveled to Budapest and Prague. Randall is doing well and has been with a private investment firm for 25 years as an investment advisor. Aside from family responsibilities, Anne is busy with volunteering and golf. Fall of '08 will be a huge change for Anne as Randall, Jr. will begin college (maybe W&L too?) and Caroline will pursue her career or grad school. Anne has heard that being an "empty nester" is great and expects to have more time to reconnect with SBC friends.

Carol Baugh Webster celebrated her 4th anniversary of leaving the corporate rat race to start Cassel International, her consulting business. Her company continues to do well concentrating on international marketing consulting, but does some marketing work for domestic companies as well. Carol teaches classes such as International Marketing and Global Business Strategies at U. Phoenix. Stepson Blake graduated from college in May with

a degree in criminal justice. To celebrate, they went to the Bahamas and had a blast! Husband, Tim and Carol haven't traveled much in the last year, still have lots of places they want to visit. They hope to be back at it in the future. It is difficult for Carol to get to all reunions as she is a graduate or attendee of 4 colleges and universities, but she would especially love to see again: **Jane Hemenway Sullivan, Monte Costa, Dana Dotten Endicott, Sally Polson-Slocum, and Mickie Gupton McKelway** Those folks came to mind immediately, but she's sure there are others! How about it ladies, will we see you at reunion?

Barbara Behrens Peck and family returned to their home in NC this summer after living in Hong Kong for the past 2 yrs—a great experience for the family. Daughters Sarah (17, senior) and Haley (13, 8th grade), attended the Hong Kong Int'l School, loved it. Jeff worked in Hong Kong and traveled throughout Southeast Asia, and Barbara had a fabulous time living as an expat, taking classes, tours, painting, and making wonderful new friends. The family traveled to mainland China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Cambodia. They're all thankful to have had the opportunity to travel to parts of the world they never would have seen. Back in Greensboro and happy to be home, they're making their way through the college application process. This summer Barbara reconnected with several friends from the class of '78. She and **Maria Rixey Gamper** laughed from the airport to **Kathy Jackson Howe's** beach house on Figure Eight in NC. **Robin Jones Eddy, Liz Day Dalrymple, and Dru Springer Oswalt** were there. It was hilarious and fun and seemed like no time had passed. "How can it be that it has been almost 30 (!) years?"

Mimi Borst Quillman moved to Birchrunville (Chester County, PA) last summer. Thank goodness things calmed down after the bridge almost washed away twice and they had numerous power outages. Mimi is still getting used to the drive to the store, but likes the peacefulness of the country. Travis graduated from SC in Aug. and will most likely head back down south to job hunt and watch more Gamecock football. Ian, a junior at JMU, is spending the semester in Antwerp. Mimi had a fun get-together with **Mary Goodwin Gamper** and **Meg Richards Weiderseim** at the Jersey Shore. Mary's daughter Liz is 3rd year at UVA and Carrie is a freshman at Denver. Jackie is practically home alone. Meg's daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from NYU and has a job in NYC with a Broadway talent agency and Billy is a freshman at George Washington. Meg is chairman of the Devon Horse Show ticket office so Mimi sees her when she volunteers. Mimi, **Ginny Craig** and **Leith Colton Derish** met in Sante Fe last summer for some hiking, margaritas, and catching up. She sees Katie Keough Weidner '88 for dog play dates and Eagles games as she lives just ½ mi. away. Mimi works part time at an Education Foundation and women's fitness center

called inShape (that way she forces herself to work out).

Melanie Bowen Steglich worked the August Market at the World Trade Center and survived Dallas' 100° plus heat. 2 labs, Molar (9) and Doc (3) keep Melanie and Lee laughing. Melanie and Lee traveled to Monterey, Mexico in Jan. for a TIME Ministries Board Meeting where they visited the new children's home and were so excited to see the finished project! They look forward to Lee's dental meeting at the Del Coronado in San Diego where Lee will be busy with lectures and Melanie gets to play! They joined a gourmet supper club and have fun trying out new and different recipes. Melanie is so proud of **Ann Thrash Jones** daughter, Mary Pat '08, who was named '07-'08 Alumna Daughter Scholar. Congrats to Ann and Mary Pat! Melanie looks forward to seeing her classmates at reunion. "Ain't we great! The Class of '78!" See you in May!

Lee Carollo Boyes teaches science at the h.s. in Petaluma, CA. Son Robert got his teaching credential this year and teaches h.s. humanities, like mother, like son! While visiting Robert's new school in San Diego, Lee went to lunch with **Tricia Mason Terraneo** (her SBC roommate), engaged to be married next summer to her long time honey who has 2 teenage boys. Lee's consulting work (improving air quality through teaching curriculum to teachers) took her to China the last 2 summers, and she heads to India this summer. Lee will be in Delhi and plans to see the Taj Mahal. Lee comments, "The interesting thing about this work is being able to compare notes with teachers around the world." Lee and husband Greg hope to buy a place in AK where they have been vacationing. They enjoy fishing, going back in time about 100 yrs and being away from the frantic pace of CA. "It is very rustic." Greg and Lee will travel to New Zealand this year to visit a friend Lee met in St. Andrews on her junior year abroad.

Paula Brown Kelley and family joined **Liz Williams**, husband Chuck Woodworth and their friend Tom for Thanksgiving weekend '06 in Avon, NC. The Kelleys, along with Paula's mother, drove through a nor'easter storm to get to Hatteras Island. Paula and Jack's car (fortunately, an SUV) was one of the last allowed on the island! Their holiday weekend turned out to be adventurous but fun as everyone alternated between candles and power. Jack brewed coffee on the grill! In Dec. Paula was invited to join **Michelle Youree Hostler** and her mother for lunch with their women's club in Fairfax. In Apr. the Kelleys took a Disney cruise to the Caribbean. Yes, they did see a Johnny Depp look-a-like in the form of Jack Sparrow; she has pictures! The weather was perfect, the food plentiful, and the snorkeling in Nassau was enjoyed by all. Paula saw **Carey Johnson Fleming** this summer when she came through town on her way to NY with her family. Paula often sees **Janet Rakoczy** at church and enjoyed attending a play with Janet at GMU. One of their favorite activities is organizing all of the class notes!

Paula's children, JP (15) and Genny (12), stay active with school, sports, scouts, and music. Paula's business, Kelley Commercial Real Estate, Inc. celebrates its 10 year anniversary in '08! Paula looks forward to catching up with classmates at reunion.

Carol Cordell Mullins is fine and life is quiet as their only child left for college this summer. Charlie is a freshman at U. KS. Carol hopes to help celebrate our 30th!

For those who may have missed it in last winter's magazine, we thought this news about **Cannie Cryslar Shaler** warrants attention. At Homecoming '06, Cannie was inducted as one of 9 graduates into the first class of SBC Athletic Hall of Fame. She is the 1st recipient of the Cryslar award bearing her name. It honors a senior 4-year athlete who demonstrates athletic achievement, service to sport and sportsmanship. Way to go Cannie!

In the last year **Liz Day Dalrymple** visited with **Betsy Ryan Glenn**, **Eve Jackson London**, **Catherine Taylor Moore**, **Kathy Howe**, **Maria Rixey Gamper**, **Robin Eddy**, **Barbara Behrens Peck** and **Dru Oswalt**. Liz commented it is "always such a thrill to get together with old friends from SBC." Life is great in Pinehurst. Daughter Summer is a junior at Chatham Hall where she's into field hockey and soccer. Since it's just down Rte. 29 from SBC, Liz enjoys having reason to be in that area again. Son Jack is an 8th grader at the local m.s. and into golf and boy scouts. Husband Chris runs their men's shop and plays golf. Liz works part time in a yarn shop, loves it and loves to knit, too. With half an empty nest, Liz stays busy with volunteer work in their schools and church. Liz "can't wait until reunion." She hopes everyone will make a big effort to come!

Cecelia Garcia Tunon Lear wrote a newsy account of her family's life in Bangor, ME. Son Fred plays football for John Baptist Memorial High School, participates in choir and acts in plays. He is working on his Eagle Scout award, hoping to achieve Eagle status soon. He stays active in YMCA and town sports, church, and has a girlfriend. Fred attended wrestling camp last summer at Ohio State. Cecie was delighted to catch up with **Muffy Hamilton Parsons** by phone when in OH. In addition, Fred will soon be driving! He delivers newspapers, works as a skate guard at a skating rink, and has his own all-season lawn care business. Cecie and Steve volunteer at Fred's school and love being involved in all of his activities. Cecie also writes about the '07 Senior League World Series held in Bangor where Fred translated for the Venezuelan team. The championship played in a baseball park built for kids by the Lears' neighbor, Stephen King! Sometimes Cecie feels like she's in a movie when she sits in, what sounds and looks like, an amazing ball park just down the street. She works from home, writes technical proposals for Carlson Wagonlit Travel/SatoTravel for civilian, government and military travel contracts. The family loves their home which, Cecie says fondly, "we'll be fixing up for the rest of our natural

lives." Steve had a "mid life crisis" in the form of a complete career change. He's selling real estate, and Cecie has never seen him happier work-wise. In addition to selling residential and commercial real estate throughout ME, he's a member of the Historic Real Estate Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He loves his workshop in his garage and continues to produce extraordinary pieces. Cecie and family are active in the ME Chapter of the MS Society and participate in the annual MS walk.

The lure of a boyfriend at the Citadel (now her husband of almost 30 years), caused **Vicki Hewitt Causey** to transfer back to U. SC from which she graduated in '77. Although she spent only one semester at SBC, some of you made a lasting impression on her. Vicki remembers **Lucy Moore**, **Julie Pfautz Bodenstab**, and "someone from Nashville who was really nice and tried to keep a kitten which kept getting out." OK who needs to fess up? Vicki recalls that the 4th floor seemed to be referred to as "The Convent" because no boys were allowed. She remembers a few too many road trips to W&L, H-SC, and UVA, and wonders where time has gone! Vicki muses: "It seems funny I can remember something that far back and I have trouble recalling what I did last week!" Vicki and David have 4 daughters. She ran into her old roommate, **Debbie Paden**, about 14 yrs ago at a summer camp in NC where Debbie was helping with the riding program.

Jamie Murray Soper is fine in central MA on her farm. She and husband Jack have "tons of kids of all ages" on the farm all the time so they aren't lonely at all! With 3 dogs, 5 cats, 10 beef cows, 5 horses, goats, and chickens, they have very few dull moments. Jamie works part time for Pier 1, loves it. Their house renovation is coming along. Jamie and Jack hope to be done with the 2nd floor by winter. She looks forward to restoring the ancient stencils. Jamie planned to spend Labor Day weekend with her sister Meri and her family on Cape Cod. She closes by sharing that, "every day is a gift!"

Jamie's sentiments hit home when we read **Betsy Hurley Deimel**'s news. She had a "wild" year. After 18 yrs of marriage, she experienced the upheaval of a divorce and had a brain aneurysm in 9/06. She was hospitalized for 6 mos. and was air lifted to Pittsburgh to intensive care from Erie! During her recovery, she had to learn how to swallow, stand, walk, talk and more. She takes nothing for granted anymore. She's thrilled to be alive for her daughter (16) who needs a "noisy" mother in her life. Betsy looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion. Everyone is special in her world.

Wendy Igleheart Walker will volunteer to serve on the Reunion Giving Committee. She intrigued us with her comment about a fundraising idea her husband originated, but she's concerned it might not fly with the administration. We're putting her in touch with **Cannie Cryslar Shafer** and we'll see what shakes out.

Ann Key Lucas definitely plans to attend reunion. Husband Jim and Ann had a busy summer starting with their 1st h.s. graduation. Son John headed off to U. Dayton. They're thrilled with his choice. He'll continue to play ice hockey. He just returned from a great experience with an exhibition team in Slovakia. William (16) and Hunt (13) attended camp in MN where William was an LT. Ann took a vacation this summer and visited the Dalmatian Coast and Croatia. "troyly fabulous." Now that her youngest is at the age where Ann doesn't need to be so available (or let's say, at an age where he doesn't want her around), Ann returned to her prior position in the mail order industry. She's with Home Decorators Collection as Director of Inventory Control, loved it then, loves it now. While Ann was in Europe, a group of St. Louis gals got together in Harbor Springs, MI, incl. **Peggy Stryker Horne**. Ann missed the trip, but Peggy was there, and looks great. She has one out of college, with her youngest still in college.

Barbara Minnig Croghan lives in Annandale, VA. Oldest son Christopher, now a Lance Corp. in the Marines, returned from a deployment in Iraq. Oldest daughter Kathleen attends a 4-year program at U. St. Louis at their Madrid Campus in Spain. Barbara assures us that Kathleen "is leading a hard life." 3rd child David (13) will be in 8th grade, loves basketball and is playing his 1st year of football. Youngest daughter Caroline is in her last year of elem. Husband Greg is principal of Edison h.s. in Alexandria. Barbara describes herself as a "Superior Domestic Goddess." Hopefully the family will move to NC or SC when Greg retires next summer. Barbara looks forward to leaving Northern VA.

Susan Negaard Harley and family will move to Geneva, Switzerland for her 2-year assignment with Cardinal Health. Susan is Director of International Marketing for one of the businesses and with a recent restructuring will be relocating to do the job there. The Harley family will live in a nice big house overlooking Lake Lemman with lots of guest rooms for company. They're looking forward to the experience. If you're ever in the area, plan to visit. Susan hopes to be back for reunion and just may qualify for "longest distance traveled." She communicates with **Margaret Laurent Gordy**, **Leigh Ramsay Simmons**, and **Betsy Wood** often. They had a mini reunion in C'ville last summer, a nice time.

For **Mary Page Stewart**, '07 has been as crazy as anticipated. Daughter Ellie graduated from Bucknell in May and landed a cool job in NYC in Ann Taylor's corporate office; she's thrilled. Geordie graduated from Gilman in Jun. and will be a freshman at Davidson in the fall. Days after his graduation, Mary left for a painting workshop in Provence, France; "it was fabulous." Bob, Ellie, and Geordie joined her at the end of the session and spent 2 wks traveling through Provence and Northern Italy. Then they flew to Scotland, so the kids could get in touch with their Stewart roots. Upon return, Mary and Ellie packed up and

moved her to NY! Then the rest were off to Mary's family reunion in ME. Following that, Mary had a couple of weeks to take Georgie to Davidson; then set up her art room as she will teach m. s. this fall! While life is good, Mary looks forward to settling down a little! Mary can't wait for our 30th and wonders if SBC will put us in a different dorm. We'll see, Mary.

Julie Pfautz Bodenstab can't believe it's time for a 30th reunion, "We can't be that old!" Julie and Mark, empty nesters, live in West Chester, PA, with dog Tucker. They moved last Nov. from a big neighborhood to more rural property, complete with a barn. They're having fun restoring the property, which was vacant and overgrown. Julie hadn't had poison ivy since Girl Scouts! She works full time at Longwood Gardens in the Education Department in the Continuing Education program. When not home pruning, clearing, or weeding, she plays golf. Son Phillip lives and works in CT since graduating from Gettysburg Coll. 2 yrs ago. He has taken up sailing on Long Island Sound. Peter is in his senior year at Susquehanna (only one more tuition check to go!). He spent the spring semester studying abroad in London and hopes to work in the UK after graduation. They enjoyed a great trip to London to visit followed by a few days with Peter in Austria. Julie missed our 25th reunion, but plans to be at our 30th.

Katherine Powell Heller reports all is well and summer flew by. Her oldest daughter begins her 2nd year at UVA. Youngest is a sophomore in h. s. They have a Havanese puppy to add to the fur family. They'll begin a major home renovation in Sept. when they move everything out, crossing their fingers that the project will be done in a year. Katherine plans to come to reunion.

Missy Powell Adams describes working full time as a "total drag," but with 2 boys in college, she plods on! Philip will be a sophomore at USC this fall; Whitman will be a sophomore at U. CO in Boulder. Both love life. Missy and husband Bubba are fine. Much to their surprise and delight they love life as empty nesters. They see **Maria Rixey Gamper, Mary Page Stewart, and Mary Goodwin Gamper** often. They're all in Baltimore. Missy catches up with **Helen Bauer Bruckman, Audrey Townsend Bertram, Michelle Tarride Frazier, Emily Dick McAlister** and **Lizbeth Bowman** from time to time. They meet every few years somewhere wonderful to laugh together; a special treat!

Janet Rakoczy has been having a blast with swing and ballroom dance lessons and social dancing on the weekends. In responding to the solicitation for class notes, **Barbara Minnig Croghan** discovered that they lived only a few miles apart, so Janet and Barb had a nice reunion at a local restaurant. Janet enjoyed several fun dinners with **Paula Brown Kelley's** family, and Janet and Paula saw Catch 22 at GMU's Center for the Arts. One of her most meaningful undertakings in the last year has

been sending care packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan through the *AnySoldier.com* program. She's moved by their skill, dedication and courage and was thrilled to receive a letter from one of the soldiers. When not dancing or assembling packages, Janet works as a securities analyst, volunteers at church and attends Rally obedience classes with her dog Brandy.

Leigh Ramsay Simmons stays busy with work, dogs, and family. She and Betsy Wood get together in C-ville or Richmond and dream of living in the same town again. They visited SBC in the spring and were distressed to see the new gates and entrance to campus which Leigh describes as "stark and modern." Leigh wonders if the driveway was relocated to make way for the bypass. (We'll be sure to check out the gates and driveway in May.) After years of thinking it would never happen, Leigh took her husband on a quick campus tour. He wanted to know if there was good fishing in the boathouse lake. Funny, Leigh "never ever would have thought of that!" Leigh's husband introduced her to kayaking this summer, enjoys it! Their longest paddle so far was 11 mi. on the James River, and they're "itching" to get out on the Shenandoah when water levels rise. Kayaking provides a great opportunity/excuse for taking photos. They had a wonderful week in St. Croix after Christmas for a niece's wedding—a perfect time, as "winter winds" kept things cool and the bugs away. Daughter Jenny and husband, in southern France, had their 1st child Emmie in mid Jul., so they're grandparents! Skype phoning and webcams allow them to see Emmie "live," and they were able to see Jenny throughout her pregnancy, too! They head to France for a long visit in Oct., can't wait. Son Joe is dating a wonderful French woman who's in C'ville doing doctoral fellowship work. They are pretty serious, so Leigh wonders if relocating to France is in their retirement future. In the small world department, Leigh discovered that a young woman at her office has ties to SBC. Her mom is Director of the Mount St. Angelo's VA Center for the Creative Arts and her father is art teacher, Professor Monk. Leigh looks forward to the big 30th reunion!

Life is crazy for **Katie Renaud Baldwin**. They live on 80 acres along the Santiam River in OR. Katie's husband moved the pets and household goods from AK last Mar. Katie stayed in AK to finish teaching school. Following the summer in OR where they are all pretty busy making the house a home, daughter Emily and Katie will head back to AK for Emily's senior year. Husband Cary and daughter Amanda will stay in OR to take care of the house. There will be many trips back and forth this year. Amanda has moved home to get her feet back on the ground, work and go to school. The family is off to MI for 2 wks to visit Katie's parents, brothers, and friends. She will see Martha Miller too! Katie wonders if anyone has heard from Joan Lightfoot '77 as Katie can't seem to find her! The SBC address is incorrect. Katie sends her best to everyone, she enjoys

class notes. She just wishes she lived a little closer to keep the connections up.

When **Anne Riordan Flaherty** wrote, she was in the midst of a 7-week stint of traveling every weekend to get her children to language camps, college send-off parties etc. Daughter Mary started at Denver in the fall, so Anne headed west for 4 days in Sept. just as her boys started 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. "It's crazy."

Nancy Robinson Lindberg practices medicine in CT. She won't be at reunion; it coincides with her oldest son's college graduation. He'll be graduating from Wheaton that Sat. (providing no screw-ups!). Nancy comments, "nice symmetry though, 30 yrs after my graduation." Son number 2 is entering his sophomore year at Guilford Coll. in Greensboro, NC, and youngest will be a junior in h. s. Just in time to start the college search again. Nancy and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary and her 50th birthday with a vacation to Switzerland. This hiking trip covered 3 different areas where they experienced everything from sun to a near blizzard. Hiking has become their main hobby and they're slowly making their way through the list of 4,000 ft mountains in NH. They're at 25, so less than half to go. Nancy was sorry to see that Miss Sprague passed away. All these years later she still remembers how much she "scared the living daylights out of me." Nancy posits that all the biology majors probably share similar memories of Plant Morphology!

Since early May, **Carrie Ruda Clark** has been renovating a 1931 co-op unit she bought in the Cleveland Park area of DC. She had expected to move in Jul., but the apartment was an estate and nothing had been done since 1940. Carrie describes playing general contractor on both the unit and her current house, which she sold in Sept., while holding a job and being a mom, as way too ambitious! An emergency appendectomy 3 wks before the scheduled move made the whole process all the more challenging. Hopefully by the time this reaches you, Carrie will again be healthy, sane, settled into apartment life in the city, and enjoying her views of Rock Creek Park. Her family had several 6/07 graduations. Son John, a physics major, graduated from Elon in NC, where he played club lacrosse (spring and fall) all 4 years. He's working as a technical consultant under a government contract at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He lives across the Potomac River in VA, just out of arm's reach. After 5 yrs of boarding school, 4 yrs of college, and summers working at the beach, it's wonderful to have him home! Son Andrew completed his h. s. career with an exciting spring lacrosse season. His school only had a team for 4 years and they were undefeated this season until the last game. Andrew's brother, John, was assistant coach. Andrew is taking a gap year with a Dynamy internship in Worcester, MA. Fall of '08 he plans on entering High Point (NC). Carrie is an empty-nester! She just wishes AARP would leave her alone!

Betsy Ryan Glenn is well in Atlanta. Her family goes to Sea Island, GA, in summer, and she ran into **Liz Day Dalrymple** there; it was great! In fall Betsy plans a reunion with **Liz, Eve Jackson London, Lisa Wray Longino**, and hopefully **Catherine Taylor Moore**.

How exciting it was to read **Julia Sutherland's** news of engagement! Julia's "wonderful" fiancé is Phil Smith, who has been a friend of Julia's for several years. He once worked for Senator John Warner when Julia worked for Senator Chuck Robb. Phil has been a communications consultant for the past 10 yrs. Prior to that, he was head of communications at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. A Yale graduate, Phil received his M.A. in Journalism from Columbia and spent 20 yrs as an editor and reporter for the Washington Post. Phil proposed in Paris over Memorial Day weekend; they plan to marry in 2/08.

Ann Thrash Jones reports everything is great in Atlanta! Oct. marks Ann's 21st year as a paralegal at Alston & Bird. In May, Bob accepted a position with Arby's to be their VP, Corporate and Securities Counsel. His new office is about 1 mi. from home. Needless to say, the family is "thinking Arby's"! Chris (26) works in Atlanta, which makes Mama and Grandmama happy! Mary Pat (21) was named the SBC '07-'08 Alumna Daughter Scholar! She was unable to receive the award in person, as she was studying "abroad" fall '07 in Decatur, GA! Mary Pat lived at home and took courses at Agnes Scott Coll. While away from the horses at SBC, Mary Pat has been competing and placing in sprint triathlons. She plans to graduate a year early, in May '08. Although Bob and Ann don't understand her decision, Ann is happy their reunions will coincide!

Lauren Place Young visited **Suzanne Stryker Ullrich** this spring while on a college search with her daughters. They stayed with Suzanne and had a quick, fun visit. In addition to the college search, Lauren was juggling a move! Suzanne's youngest, Ned, attends Penn St. Now that Suzanne no longer works every day, she has more free time!

For **Liz Williams** and husband Chuck, things are "chugging along" in Middleburg. They had 4 foxhound pups this summer who kept them laughing and running to save anything that was not nailed down. Liz had a wonderful visit from **Carey Johnson Fleming**, her husband David and son Ian on their way to their new home in NY. Liz comments, "Carey hasn't changed at all, darn her!" Liz and Chuck spent last Thanksgiving with **Paula Brown Kelley** and her family, in the midst of a terrible nor-easter at the beach. They have some great stories and photos, and almost didn't get the turkey cooked when they lost electricity for a few days.

We'll close by quoting **Julie Pfautz Bodenstab**: "Guess that's about all the news that's fit to print." Our thanks to all of you for sending in your notes. Thanks also for 5 great years as your class secretaries. See you in May!

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Patsy Griffith Van Etten wins the prize for the 1st classmate to write with news. Thank you Patsy! In Aug., the Van Ettens welcomed an *adorable* Jack Russell puppy to the family. Patsy confirmed that Mr. Max is a great dog, sleeps through the night and gets along with his feline roommates. The family enjoyed Rehoboth Beach, DE this past summer. Patsy and a friend will visit The Biltmore Estate in NC between Christmas and New Year's. The whole manor is adorned with Christmas decorations, quite festive.

Always the stage mother/manager/taxi car driver, **Monika Kaiser Neheim** is busy with daughter Alexa's drama, improvisational and German club activities. Alexa, a senior, is applying to universities with musical theater programs. Monika never thought that looking at and applying for colleges would be so time consuming. Fortunately the family was able to combine university visits with a trip to the Northeast from PA to MA. While in MA, Monika visited Sophie Despres Whitehouse; Sophie was a French exchange student at SBC in 1981 during our junior year. Monika is active with son Julius' school and extracurriculars. Like his sister, Julius is a talented actor/singer; last summer he played the part of "Teen Angel" in the musical production of Grease. A 7th grader, Julius is interested in medicine. Monika heard from **Liz Kaufmann** who relocated from KY to TX for a new position in the legal field.

Deborah Price Bowman writes that after 5 yrs "off," she returned to work in money management. After a year of commuting to NYC while being a "full time mom," Debbie returned to being a full time stay-at-home mom. Debbie, husband Jeffrey with daughter Katie (11) and son Kessler (6) enjoyed a vacation at a CO

dude ranch. Debbie's niece Lauren is a sophomore at SBC, so the family will attend Parents and Friends Weekend in Oct. The family will spend Christmas with Debbie's sister and family and their parents on a Caribbean cruise celebrating their parents' 50th anniversary.

Charlotte Prassel Fitzgerald has fond memories of our 25th reunion and the "amazing" group of ladies in our class. Charlotte is considering having \$19.82 withdrawn automatically from her bank account every month and wonders if anyone contemplated this option to donate funds to SBC. Daughter Cece attends Elon Coll. in NC. While at Elon, Charlotte saw fellow SBC alum, Alice Cutting Lambeer, whose son Parker is a freshman at Elon. Always a good friend, **Lollie Noble** visited Charlotte after Cece's departure for college. During Lollie's visit Charlotte brought home a 2 ½-month-old black lab mix. Charlotte keeps her mind off of Cece by training the puppy and her older sister, a 9 ½-month-old from a previous litter. While not taking care of the puppies, Charlotte is a member of CSA, Community Supported Agriculture Co-Op. A worthy and healthy cause, she volunteers to pack and pick up produce from farmers, delivers the goods to the Co-Op. Charlotte feels strongly about supporting the CSA—the produce is high quality, nutrient rich and tastes better than store bought. She's expanding her repertoire with new dishes, shopping for in season fruits and vegetables and matching the appropriate recipe. A pro-active way to support local farmers and get the freshest fruits & vegetables, you can google CSA for a location in your area.

After 22 yrs with H&R Block, **Heather Prinnie Albert** made a career move and joined Direct General in Nashville. Specializing in auto insurance with opportunities to leverage real estate and tax services, DG offered Heather an excellent opportunity to manage a team in a new business venture. Husband Mike and daughter Samantha remained in Atlanta and will join her at the end of the school year when Samantha graduates h. s. Ever the road warrior, Heather spent the summer traveling between FL and MD for work, 3 college search trips, personal travel to PA and NYC and a company trip she won to Cabo San Lucas, MX for her and Mike.

Mary Ames Booker Sheret writes from the lovely NC coastal town of Wilmington where she is a curator on the battleship *North Carolina*. Mary Ames went to London last year with friends, enjoys working on her home and learning about web design software programs.

All is well in Columbia, SC where **Priscilla Ream McPheeter** is busy with school and preparing for her eldest son James' wedding in Jun. She and Chip visited daughter Heather's class of '10 at SBC Parents Weekend and enjoyed seeing **Debbie Price Bowman** at reunion.

Frances Ruth Fowler Bauerle enjoyed a surfing trip with friends in Costa Rica the past summer. When not working as an ophthalmologist technician, she totes her children to sporting events as well as



Several members of the Arizona Alumnae Club met for dinner when Michelle Badger '06, assistant director of annual giving, was in Phoenix for a conference in November.

Frant Row, L-R: Elizabeth Barnes Bird '39, Janet Pehl Etele '57. Back Row, L-R: Michelle Badger '06, Amy Kraeger '90, Mary Beth Miller Orson '86, Kelly Schmitt Malique '94, Paige Wright Phillips '91, and Elizabeth Puckett Hawarth '01

gearing up for the summer Olympics in Beijing where husband Jack will coach the women's swim team.

Marie Engel Ernhart writes from Fairfax County, VA where she is a m.s. teacher and studying for her M.A. in Special Education at GMU; she will graduate in spring.

Polk Green is busy working in TX and enjoying every minute of it; she was thrilled to attend our reunion and seeing everyone. Polk looks forward to attending the next reunion and the possibility of the Chicago Cubs winning a play-off series.

Irish dancing competitions and volleyball tournaments keep **Lee Watson Lombardy** and husband Warren busy with daughter Georgia, in Orlando, FL. Lee keeps in touch with **Lucile Redmond Flournoy**, she reports that Lucy and husband Tom are selling the barn/apartment and moving into a new home.

Not one to sing her own praises, however **Molly K. Johnson** is a successful real estate advisor and specialist with Coldwell Bankers residential brokerage on Chicago's north side. Molly enjoys playing golf weekly with her league.

Molly Finney Grenn writes from Alexandria, VA. Molly and daughter Gracie visited **Brianna Boswell Brown** and family in Dallas. She attended a luncheon hosted by **Nancy Daugherty Davison** who is currently studying for her M.A. in Theology. Attendees included **Valerie Youree**, **Charlotte Fitzgerald**, **Marie Earnhart** and **Ann Morton Habliston**. The ladies committed to visiting a museum or art gallery downtown together in the future.

Gracie started preschool recently and enjoys her friends and teachers. Molly and husband Mike accompanied Gracie on her 1st day expecting resistance and tears, so they marveled that Gracie never looked back when they dropped her off. Tanya Voss Ryan

'81 is the Director of Gracie's preschool, Molly enjoys seeing her.

Joan Vetter Ehrenberg sent us notes for the 1st time; thank you for sharing Joan! For the last 16 yrs she has lived in northwest MT and for many years had a career in the hospitality industry. She married husband Ted 12 yrs ago and "finally, got smart" and came to realize that family was more important than career, so Joan left work when only daughter Katelyn was in kindergarten. Joan volunteers with arts education, their church and the local CVB. She's Chair of the local chapter for the Democratic Party. As a family they enjoy skiing, fly fishing, and hiking. Katelyn (9) enjoys playing piano, voice, and soccer. Joan's biggest regret in life was leaving SBC after only 2 years; she'll always cherish her days there amongst friends and horses in a beautiful learning environment.

Jane R. Dure started law school in San Antonio, TX after a languid summer relaxing on the beaches of Mazatlan, MX, where she and her pets moved after 17 yrs in Austin. There are still 60 boxes left to unpack which she'll eventually get around to opening. In the meantime, Jane accomplished more work in the first 5 weeks of law school than in her entire freshman year. Ever the conscientious student, Jane does all the reading for each class—"some of it is so impenetrable it takes an hour to do a couple of pages"! She succeeds in attending every class, even 8 a.m. sessions and is amazed at her own dedication and performance. She feels this is in part because there are none of her friends around to be a bad influence!

Catherine Miller had an "awesome" time at reunion and has heard from several classmates since May. In Jul., while in CA for a family wedding, she spent a couple of days visiting **Anne Goebel Bains** and husband. According to Catherine, Anne looks terrific and seems very happy with

her CA lifestyle. Catherine keeps busy with daughters Ali (13) in m. s. and Madeline (15) in h. s. She and husband David are also hosting a student (15) from France through the Rotary Club International.

Jean Von Schrader Byran and husband Peter are busy with their 3 children's school and sports activities.

Jennifer Rae is a "busy beaver" managing her own business for the last 7 yrs, *Invitation to Better Things, LLC* (Project Management for Events, Web Services, Publishing and Photography). You can learn more about Jenny's entrepreneurial efforts at: www.invitationtobetterthings.com. She and boyfriend Luigi don't have children, but are busy with the Rotary Club International of Friendship Heights. Jenny is the Program and Web Chair and active at the district level with the web committee. Their district includes points between DC, Annapolis, Frederick, and Baltimore. She feels like a "pioneer" as a female member but believes she is making a positive impact so that more women will join Rotary. The organization became "co-ed" in the '80s.

Beth Reed and daughter Kate had a wonderful time at our reunion catching up with everyone, especially **Ann Morton Habliston**, **Kelly and Windsor Jenkins** and **Valerie Youree** who reconnected Beth with **Harleigh Chalmers Kehoe**. Beth and Kate were able to visit at W&L with **Caroline Habliston** before returning to AL.

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Wow, it's fun watching people reconnect prior to our 20th reunion! I've heard from people I haven't heard from in years. If you haven't done so, please join us on Linked-in and Facebook to join our "conversations" and reach out to your classmates. We've heard from classmates all over the world including **Sonia Jabbar** in India and **Scarlett Roitman** in Boulange, France. Thanks to **Stephanie Wilt Smirnov** for our Facebook page and **Caroline Corum** for getting us into Linked-in. (Email me and I'll get you started if you haven't joined.) Class President **Christina Savage Lytle** is busy with her duties as PTA president. She's looking for some fun ideas for reunion. Let her know if you have ideas. (You can post a message to her on Facebook or Linked-in.)

Here are some fun tidbits from Linked-in: **Liza Dalehite Brinkmann** is a pediatric nurse practitioner in Austin TX. **Andrea Fraley** is a Senior Project Manager for FP&C Health Systems in Charlottesville, VA. **Stacey Sickels Heckel** is the Executive Director for the Anne Arundel Community College Foundation. **MaryCathryn Holland** is a Captain in the Hopkinsville (TN) Police Dept. **Minta Jones Ford** is an Independent

Hospital & Health Care Professional in Memphis, TN. **Katie Keogh-Weidner** is Co-Owner/Office Manager at DMW Marine in Philadelphia. **Michele DeGuerin Luke** is an Independent Public Relations and Communications Professional in Houston. **Jennifer Rosen** is the Director of Admissions at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. **Brenda Payne** is a social worker in Nelson County Social Services. **Polly Sattler** is the President of Sustainable Business Partners in Atlanta. **Jean Sumner** is a Senior IT Systems Analyst for Genworth Financial in Lynchburg. **Chrissy Tellalian Mulvihill** is the Director of Government and Public Affairs for Sony in Washington, DC. **Lisa Tennant** is an Accountant for Teekay in Houston. **Sara Whitt** is a VP at Ammar's Inc in Johnson City, TN. **Melinda Williams** is VP of Higher Vision Inc in Santa Barbara. **Melissa Ripple** is the owner of Getaways Unlimited in Orlando. **Bernie Dawes Smith** is the First Vice President at Hazlett, Burt & Watson, Inc. in Wheeling, WVA. **Erica Hennig Subramaniam** is a librarian at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in Asheville, NC.

I recently learned that **Cheryl-Lynn Horowitz Matheny** lives in Atlanta. She's a human resource manager for Reed Business Information. I hope to see her at the Atlanta Club's SBC Day in Jan.

Kathryn Ingham Reese is an English teacher, coach and class advisor at Tower Hill School in Philadelphia. She plans to come to reunion with her husband and 2 daughters.

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov says "Holla, holla everyone. I'm still in northern NJ with husband Max and son Terry. I'm also still at DeVries Public Relations, where I'm an Executive Vice President. I expanded my role as head of our beauty practice to oversee a new division called Strategy and Innovation, which involves among other things digital communications strategies and programs for our clients, which apparently qualifies me to be an administrator at our Reunion Facebook page, which I encourage all of you to join! All it takes is an email address and about 5 min. to sign up. Reconnecting with old classmates this way has been truly wonderful. Other big news in the Smirnov household is that we bought a wonderful little house in the Catskills for weekend getaways, just in time for ski season. Hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing people at reunion!"

My wonderful roommate **Kim Bretnall Shinn** has her 5 kids. She does Sales and Customer Service at Raritan Engineering.

Grace Quirk Thompson is in Leawood, KS, with husband Jeff and 2 daughters, **Caroline Grace** (13) and **Georgia Shaw** (12). Grace spends many hours volunteering; she also enjoys floral design and gardening when there's time.

Lee Ann Conard is a physician at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Caroline Corum is a Sr. Product Advisor at Silicon Valley Bank in San Francisco.

Tracy Tigerman Shannon says that things are moving along smoothly. She's still

teaching, her kids are in kindergarten and 7th grade and husband John is an auditor at a motel in Lynchburg.

Michele Smith reports: "During the past year, I've migrated north to Seattle, love it. I keep busy working as a legal assistant for a patent firm. I have thoughts of writing ventures and hope to be able to work this into my schedule. I took up running in recent years and completed my 1st half-marathon (Nike Women's Marathon) last year."

Virginia Bennett Leeds went back to school and lost touch with everyone in the process. She graduated from UNGC with her M.Ed in Elem. Education in 5/07. She's now a 4th grade teacher at McLeansville Elem. in NC. The school is departmentalizing, so she's teaching math, social studies, and writing to the entire 4th grade. She's finally using her SBC history major. Daughter **Andrea** (3) gets bigger every day and amazes Virginia with what she can do. Virginia says, "She is enjoying playschool, but is already having trouble learning to listen to her teacher or to me. You know what they say about teacher's kids." Her husband Roy is still with Burlington Insurance and will begin teaching insurance courses at Elon U. in the spring.

Carolyn Grant Milden says that she's so excited! This is going to be a great reunion! She has been busy since the last reunion. She was divorced and remarried 2 years ago to Jamie Milden. They bought a house together and she works with him on his Landscape Design Company. She has 4 kids. Daughters **Dylan** (17) and **Amanda** (16) are applying to colleges! Oh MY! Time flies. She has twin boys (11), **Charlie** and **Sam**. She says "It's always fun and busy." Her mom has been in the hospital and they're moving her in with them.

Kristin "Kritty" Peterson Randolph's update: I love living in VA Beach and am still happily married to Ran Randolph (yes, the guy from UVA law school that I road tripped with Laura and co. to see all those years, so long ago). They have 3 boys: **Ranny** (12), **Christian** (8), and **Peyton** (5). They keep them very busy with all their activities. She got her real estate license last Sept. She sees **Jeanne Mexic** and **Lisa Arnold** on her various shopping trips to DC or NYC. She talks to Nici and Laura as often as possible. She saw **Paige Apple Montinero** on her way through VA Beach and would love to catch up with others.

Paige Shiller Okun is in her 5th year of living in Singapore with husband Steve and 2 boys, **Bennett** (7) and **Mason** (5). She's the Chief Operating officer of Caring for Cambodia, an organization that fully funds and manages four schools in Siem Reap Cambodia. www.caringforcambodia.org. She invites anyone visiting Asia to get in touch with her at paigeokun@caringforcambodia.org.

Denise Landau Blind in Glen Rock, NJ, says her kids are great! **Tyler** (13) is still an avid baseball player (and throws in some basketball, and has a 200 bowling average), and **Chelsea** (10) is a level 7 gymnast. She says "I love watching them both, but I wish I could just split myself in half and be at

everything!" She has started riding in the Alumnae division at the IHSAA shows. She's "looking forward to our 20th...can't believe it's been that long!"

Cecilia Moore is a professor of religion at the U. of Dayton. When I spoke to her at Homecoming, she was preparing for a major symposium and a conference in IN.

It looks like **Lylle Martin** still lives in Panama and has married (according to her h.s. reunion website).

Susan Detweiler and partner Larry spent the summer on a river and coastal trip in the Canadian arctic last summer. They saw wolves, musk oxen, grizzly bears and many birds nesting, but not a single person in the entire 46 days. They enjoyed canoeing among sea ice and seals and had a grand adventure overall. Now they are back in Antarctica where Susan is working her 5th season as a Field Trainer. They went down early this year for the pre-season, during which she enjoyed the novelty of darkness and the beautiful pink low light of spring in the Antarctic. She missed her climbing guiding season last summer and is looking forward to a full season in the Tetons (WY) next summer. Her photos are posted at phase.com/antarctic_suze where you'll also find her Antarctic email address. She enjoys staying in touch with several classmates.

Leslie Corrado Stillwagon says that she "will absolutely be at the reunion if my husband & I are still in the States in May. We bought a place in Australia this past spring, and are trying to tie things up here to move overseas. As these things go, it does take some time to close down our lives here and head down under."

Ashley DeVan was married. (Check out the photos on Facebook—such a beautiful bride!) She's Director of Integration Marketing for Citrix Systems in Santa Barbara, CA.

Gussie Harrison Dunstan continues with here music talents. She's a vocalist and commercial model in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Roach Childs is a Independent Health, Wellness and Fitness Professional in Portland, OR.

John, **Kathleen** (5) and I, **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**, are still in Atlanta and loving it. Some days I can't run fast enough to keep up with work and Kathleen's activities, but I wouldn't trade it. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with everyone at reunion.

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Thanks to all who responded to our late email request. . . sorry for the quick turnaround and next time we promise to give you more time! We hope to hear from you anytime, and will be sure to include you in the next round of notes. You can email either Vickie or Mamie.

Joan Dabney Clickner is having a great time being mother of 2. As of Oct., Ian is 6 and Georgia 7 months. Ian adjusted easily to having a sister, and she thinks he's the best. They're still in Charlottesville, but contemplating a move to Staunton. Bobby is starting a 2nd acupuncture practice in Harrisonburg, VA and Staunton would be right in between the 2 towns. The family vacationed in FL and spent a few awesome days catching up with **Erin Katz** who lives across the street from the beach! Also keeping in touch with **Suzanne Ziesmann**, who started a new job in Lynchburg which she enjoys. Joan would love to hear from more classmates! Her email is still joanbob9@juno.com.

Christine Flint Canterbury made a big move to Amsterdam last summer and it's going well. Her 3 children love the International School and husband Joe is busy opening up Starbucks across Europe and the Middle East. Christine is loving the expat life again! Amsterdam is fabulous, everyone speaks English. They'll be there for a couple years, would love visitors!

Stephanie Berger reports, "Work is great. I have a bunch of new governor's races this cycle. Mostly women, which is important to me as I believe women make the best governors and leaders. This is something I saw firsthand at SBC. I spent Aug. in Aspen fly fishing, hiking, biking and hanging out with friends. I became the godmother of **Jennifer "Kemper" Wallis's** son Quinn. It was an honor to be asked. I'm grateful for my days at SBC for bringing Jen into my life. I spend time with **Amber Vellenga** who did all the beautiful landscape work on my yard. She's very gifted."

Jenni Vance reports, "Our son, Vance is now 7 months old. Must be sleep deprivation, but I don't know where the time has gone. He's sweet and wants to know when he gets his first pony ride on Aslan. In Sept., we saw Parker Shultis Pearson '90 when she visited for Vance's Blessing. He's lucky to have her for a godmother." Jennie is trying to get in touch with **Heather Service Clayton** and asks if Heather is reading this to please write to her!

Gwen Fisher Glew reports: "I work full time as a pediatrician, specializing in developmental and behavioral pediatrics. I have 2 amazing boys: Finn (4) and Duncan (7) are the loves of my life. My husband Rich is still with Microsoft. We live in Seattle and are contemplating a move to Australia for another international stint."

Dawn Monahan Nelson writes that life is good. She had birthday coffee with **Anne Crow Galanides** and **Mamie Farmer Farley**. She's almost done with house renovation, and her puppies and children are getting big!

Penny Tadler continues to be a NYC public school teacher, teaching 5th graders from around the world. She moved to Mineola in Feb. and is finally unpacked. Her new apartment is great, she's thrilled with her commute. Penny spent all 10 wks of the summer in the mountains; walking, swimming, playing tennis and reading. Everyone should get the opportunity to chill out for 2 months! This fall, Penny returned to school as a student. She's taking her 1st class at the Mercer School of Theology and loves it. She continues to be a youth minister at Christ Episcopal Church and sends her best wishes to everyone.

Stacey Lawrence Lee had a baby girl (Anastasia Allerton Lee) on 8/11/07. Annie was 2 weeks late which was awful, but she has more than made up for it by being completely perfect. Daughter Lexi (3) loves being big sister. Stacey saw Egg (**Jennifer Gregg**) when she literally rode into town after biking 300 mi. from Gettysburg, PA to NYC to raise money for AIDS. Stacey and husband Will still live and work in NYC.

Cathi Goslaw Rainold and husband Anton had their 1st child on 10/16/07. Son Emile Anton goes by AJ! Cathi is still working in property management and her family still lives in the beautiful Summit County of CO! She can't wait to ride horses again in the spring! Everyone please come ski and visit!

Carey Bates had a busy summer—she went to ME again, moved again, and is getting ready to buy her 1st house! She lost 40 lbs this year, 30 more to go and quit smoking after 20 yrs! She visited **Amber Vellenga** in Richmond and stays in touch with Laura Arceneaux '92. Carey is having fun dating different people and simply enjoying life, job, her family, and friends.

Elliott Pitts is happy and healthy in Portland, ME. Work, never ending grad school, house projects, and training for her 1st road race are keeping her busy this fall. She looks forward to relaxing for 2 wks in The Abacos, Bahamas at the end of the year.

Allene Doucette reports: "We had a quiet summer up until we were evacuated due to the Witch Creek Fire. We and our home are fine, thank goodness. It's an odd feeling, leaving your home and all your possessions behind (& choosing which ones to take) and wondering if they will be there when you're let back into the neighborhood. Believe it or not, I took my wool pink and green SBC scarf. Silly, I know, but you can't get them anymore, I love that scarf." Al also wrote that they have explored San Diego a lot; the zoo, parks, etc. Son Alastair is getting bigger physically and in his personality. She's getting used to being a stay-at-home mom—the hardest job she's ever had! But she loves it. They have a guest bedroom and love visitors.

Megan Read Lindberg. "We've moved into our new house (Lafayette, CA) with our

3 dogs, cat, rat, and 3 horses. Sutter is 10, Tessa 9 and Logan 4. We have plenty of room for visitors and welcome any SBC alumnae!

As for me, **Vickie Campo Byrd** life is good in South FL. No hurricanes this year (so far!), and we're thankful! Traveled a bit this summer, spent 3 wks with my parents in AL, then visited with friends and family in NC, too. Children Garnett (7), Ellie (4 1/2) and Caroline (2) keep us busy and entertained! Thanks to everyone for letting us know what's going on in your lives!

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Liz Gilgan still lives in Boston and works for the Archaeological Institute of America. She's involved in another organization called SAFE (Saving Antiquities for Everyone). Liz goes down to DC a few times a year and testifies on behalf of countries having their archaeological heritage looted, destroyed and sold to other countries. She speaks to **Lia DiSimone Colbert** and went to visit her and her 2 little girls late last spring. She keeps in touch with **Amelia McDaniel Johnson** (She's entertained by Amelia's stories about son Jed.)

Amelia is living it up in Baton Rouge. She says life in "The Other LA" is grand. Wyly turned 6 in 11/07 and Jed turned 2 in 7/07. She spends a lot of time home with the kids and volunteering. They moved into an old house in spring '07 and are learning about renovating the hard way. She visited with **Kirsten Osmundson Boyd Lia DeSimone Colbert**, and **Corinne Gaillard**

Angie Carpenter Good has been settling into her new job as Marketing Communications Manager for ThinkFun Inc., a company that manufactures mind-challenging games (www.thinkfun.com). She loves her job and has learned a lot in the short time she's been there. She visited **Stacey Eisenberg Payne** and **Renee Brooks Fredericksen** during summer in VT, a great time. Son Scotty started kindergarten in 9/07.

Kelly Schmitt Molique went back to work full time in the spring. She's the Deputy Finance Director for Romney for President in AZ and NM and District

Manager with Arbonne International. When not working, he has fun with Elizabeth (4) and Erik (2) who get along beautifully. She spent 2 wks at the beach and plans for 1 month in '08. Kelly went to Denver for **Lesley Byers Bush** '35th birthday but was ill, missed seeing Sarah turning 95! She and Mark celebrated 5 years in May—can't believe how time flies! If anyone wants the Scottsdale, AZ area, let her know!

Hopie Carter Avery and her family have settled into life in Chapel Hill, NC. While Allen is getting his MBA at UNC, Hopie and Porter (14 mos.) are reconnecting with the East coast. They're expecting baby #2 in 2/08, and after that time, she plans to see what design opportunities there are in the area. (She left her job with Old Navy in 06/06.) For now, though she enjoys full time motherhood. On a family trip to NYC she caught up with Bonnie Insalaco Abrams '93 and **Kim Clayton**.

Wendy Wall Nace and Randy are still in Birmingham, AL, enjoying it. They celebrated their 10th anniversary in 7/07! She changed jobs and is now in a private practice group as an LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor). She loves it and can't wait until her clientele builds! She sees **Laura Greene Silsbee** now and then, since both live in Birmingham.

Heather Bayfield Weidle is doing well down in FL. She, husband Russ, and Michael (3) were joined by Matthew on 7/27/07. He's wonderful, very fat and happy! She owns a daily money management company called Life Management Advisors and they work primarily with the elderly on bill payment, taxes, estate planning, nursing care, etc. It's a rewarding job with an emotional paycheck that makes it almost worth being away from the boys during the day. They are looking at expanding in TX and GA. Heather sees **Katherine Lindsey Aughter** and her family often. They're busy and happy! She writes, "I haven't seen anyone else since **Elizabeth Gilgan** married Dave Bianca. FINALLY! We need another big occasion to get together!"

Ashley Henderson Swigart and husband Jim welcomed Preston 3/16/07. She was thrilled to have so many SBC friends attend her baby shower. **Liz Gilgan** **Bianca Lia deSimone Colbert**. **Allison Vollmer Douglas**, **Robyn Barto Knauss** and **Stacey Eisenberg Payne**. She's the Director of Business Development for Christoffe Silver and they're all well in CT.

Katherine Schupp Zeringue is still in New Orleans working for FEMA and helping in the rebuilding efforts. It's been 2 years and there are still many years to go. For a much needed break, she and husband went to Holland for 10 days in 8/07. They spent a few days in Amsterdam, then biked around the northern coastal region. It was peaceful and relaxing. She did, however, learn why there are so many windmills in Holland: no matter what direction they went, they were always biking into a headwind!

Tysha Calhoun Stroka still works for the Social Security Administration, specifically for disability determination services. She enjoys being able to help

people in need. She has rekindled her interest and love for the theater and has performed in several productions in Lockhart. 11/07 marks the merge of the 2 community theaters in the town, and she has been asked to be on the Board of Directors for the new Gaslight-Baker Community Theater. She says it feels good to be back in her element, and she's excited about the potential this theater has, looking forward to contributing her talent and time to something that means so much to her. She and Pat still camp, bike, and kayak and take their 2 furry kids to the river as much as possible. They continue to be very happy with life and each other.

Stacey Eisenberg Payne saw **Ashley Henderson Swigart** last spring for her baby shower, said it was great to catch up with everyone. **Angie Carpenter Good**, **Renee Brooks Frederiksen**, and her gathered in VT back in Jul. for a girls' weekend; always a fun time. The boys (Mathes, 5 and Carter, 3) are well and looking forward to welcoming a new sibling in spring '08.

Amy Ross Hendrix lives in San Francisco with husband Brian and son Oliver (1). Brian left the restaurant business and works as a wine broker. She teaches 2nd grade in Belmont and is working on her administrative credential. She had the opportunity to work as a principal this summer for her district with pre-K- 8th grade. She and Brian are looking to buy a house in the city and were expecting another baby in 10/07.

Vinca Swanson is suffering from serious SBC/Blue Ridge Mountain air withdrawal. She encourages anyone feeling the same to contact her. People in Seattle think she's reacting to the weather. She's doing a lot of e-commerce work for various companies in the Seattle area, and opened a physical store called Swerve. It's in the beginning stages, but she enjoys watching it grow. They got a white Akita puppy in 4/07 called Captain Uno, and he's growing fast. They're planning a trip to Oaxaca, MX in 11/07 for 10 days to celebrate Day of the Dead and go surfing. Skiing is around the corner; she spends her nights dreaming of cold, snow, and new steepers. (And of course, reunion '09.)

Katherine Cook adopted Trustful, a horse from the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation last year. She loves riding again, and didn't realize how much she had missed it. She has left academia to become a firefighter and medic in Stafford, VA. She loves it, and writes, "Who knew I would spend all those years in grad school and then decide to be a fireman when I grew up?"

Amy Biathrow Ross writes that Katie and Reid will be 4 and 2 in 11/07. She celebrated her 5th anniversary with Red Hat. She manages their global corporate governance, loves it. She was one of 10 people worldwide chosen to participate in the company's leadership development program for the next year. In 9/07 she ran her first half-marathon, and got back

in the pool to train for the 1st time in 13 years. She and Craig celebrated their 10th anniversary. He's teaching h.s. Spanish and coaching football.

Kelleigh Smith Sommer lives in Bulverde, TX. Son Sam is in 2nd grade this year, and she loves volunteering at the school. She works part time as a bookkeeper, and that schedule allows her the flexibility to come and go according to Sam's schedule. She and Richard are going to build another house in the spring. The good news is that the lot is just down the street from where they are, so that will make it easier to build. She's kept in touch with **Mary Ellen Horner Haggard**, **Caitlin Sundby Russell** and **Betsy Lanard Sullivan**.

Kim Mounger Storbeck is in Olympia, WA with husband Glenn and daughter Lily (6). She works for the local library system buying books, DVDs and talking books for 27 libraries (She's been a librarian for 11 years now). She and Glenn are working on an old house, which is a never ending project, unfortunately.

Jamee Thompson Briggs is busy. She went back to work part time in the Montessori School where her kids attend. It has been hectic getting back in the swing of things, but she enjoys the time with the children. Jackson (7) started 1st grade, Caroline (5) is in kindergarten, and Walker (3) started preschool. John started his own consulting company, enjoys being self-employed.

Betsy Lanard Sullivan teaches elem. music for the school district of Philadelphia and is an adjunct professor for Alvernia Coll. Daughter Marley is now 2 1/2, and they moved into a new house in the city a year ago. They added to their zoo: joining the other dogs is beagle puppy Bambi.

Lucia Marks Kern and Ronald are still in Atlanta. They had a vacation in Buenos Aires, loved it. She started a new job with Booz Allen as a public health consultant, and still has her stationery business, LK Kern. Her website is www.LKKern.com.

Caitlin Sundby Russell is getting her M.A. in nutrition at GA State U. She's going part time so it will probably take a few more years till she's done. Eva turned 2 in Jul. and is growing like a weed. She and Scott just moved into a house in Buckhead and are enjoying the location, but they're hoping the drought is over soon so they can do some landscaping! She sees **Lucia Marks Kern**, Karen Hott '92, and Stephanie Frost '92 for dinner on occasion.

Allison Chance got married on 10/13/07 to Jim Carter at Figure Eight Island, NC. **Patty Geets Hathaway**, **Laura Green Silsbee**, **Michelle Lee Wallace**, and **Heather Stevens Wine** were all in attendance. She's at a new job at Morgan Keegan in Atlanta doing Wealth Management.

Cara Gunther Waterhouse and Rob are happy to announce the arrival of their 3rd daughter, Emma Violet on 8/26/07. Big sisters, Georgina and Charlotte are smiling with their little sister. Proud godmother,

Dr. Amy M. Davis will join them in early '08 for the christening. They completed building a new home and are settling in.

Kim Bramley Estep writes not too much has changed in the Estep household. Morgan is 7, Ryleigh is 6. She's taking over the company from her father as he enters retirement. She loves working for herself, even though the capital markets are challenging. She and Scott want to build an indoor/outdoor Karting facility in Torrington, CT. Details will follow in the future, but it's their new hobby besides skiing. They spent time in Napa and Sonoma, CA in early Oct. and brought home a lot of wine. Their cellar is almost full! They'll be celebrating the holidays at their timeshare at the Atlantis (Bahamas), so they're looking forward to that.

Susan Margaret Barrett is married to a musician, Scott Albert Johnson, and they have 2 amazing boys, Charlie (soon 2) and Benjamin (born 6/5/07). She is trying to be more active with her photography in the limited spare time she has right now. They love the community in Jackson and would love to have any SBC friends visit!

Lorelei Bahret Mote has been keeping very busy in AZ. In Apr. they had a colt born. He is a Hanoverian/TB cross and should have great potential for dressage and/or jumping. Then on 6/12/07 they had daughter, Amber Leigh Mote. Maybe a future SBC student?

Mehreen Mallal writes that she has moved back to Islamabad and is working for Catholic Relief Services. She is enjoying her work, and keeping busy with traveling for work in the region and within the country.

Jodi Szuszcwicz McGee and husband Bryan just celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary in 10/06. Megan had her 8th birthday in 12/06, Garrett turned 6 in 4/07. She has been home-schooling both children for the past 3 years and loves it! She writes, "If you're a mom and get excited about your child's first steps, just wait until he or she starts to read or better yet, do multiplication and word problems. It's the coolest!" Her free time is spent with horse Havanna. She and family live in Haymarket, VA near sister, **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead**. She sees **Dorothy Bailey** and **Heather Roby** a few times each year. She saw them, as well as **Alice Windham** and **Christy Young McCain** and families over the Memorial Day weekend.

I, **Mary-Linda Morris**, spent last year selling photographs and finding my new job. I'm selling wine at a small independent wine shop in Dublin. It's a lot of fun, and I'm learning so much every day. The shop is under new ownership, so it's exciting to help build the business and watch it grow. Hopefully, a trip out to CA will be in the cards in the next few months, as I'm making a lot of contacts in the wineries and the trip can be a special one. I'm spending a lot of time on the FL coast when I can get away from the cold OH winters.

Please continue to send your class notes (at any time) to my email address posted above; I check it continuously!

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Sounds like it was a busy summer and fall for our class...between babies, new homes, jobs, and trying to land a gig on "Wife Swap," it's incredible y'all find the time to write in. Thankfully you do!

Meredith Williams Melmed writes, "The big news here is **Maren Howard Leggett** returned from Kazakhstan where she and Peter adopted a beautiful baby boy. They kept his given name, Rinat, as his 1st name which is a neat way to preserve some of his heritage. He's about 9 mos. now and he and Caroline love playing together. She races him up the stairs and runs circles around him for now at the playground; I'm sure he'll catch up soon. We live close to each other here in DC so it'll be exciting to see our 2 kiddos become friends. I still work as an attorney with the government and have been able to have a better balance of quality work and quality family time than I would otherwise have in private practice."

Meredith also wrote in this summer that **Eileen Yates Von Herbulis** and Brian had a baby boy, Barrett, in 3/07 and are doing well in CA, where they relocated for Brian's marine duties.

Carson Scheppe Hobby and husband Scott had their 2nd child 12/06 (Henry Lawson Hobby). In Mar., **Maren Howard Leggett** and Peter went down to Jacksonville for his Christening as godparents. In Jul., Carson traveled to DC to see Maren and Peter before they headed off to Kazakhstan to bring home Rinat. Carson hopes to get to DC again soon to meet Rinat and show him how to raise hell, as we all know she's pretty good at doing.

In May **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer**, **Heather Aspinwall** and **Karn Henderson** celebrated Drew Braun's (**Mary Byrd Schroder Braun**'s son) 3rd birthday with a frog theme because Drew loves frogs. They surprised **Anna Reilly** with a party in her new Arlington condo. In Aug., Katie had dinner with **Kelly Hall** in WV. Kelly is a professor at WV Wesleyan Coll. In Oct., Katie, Heather, Anna and Kathy Whitby met for a little mini reunion. Old roomies again, just like the SBC days. Katie also met Mary Lea Harris Martin '98 in the preschool carpool line. Mary Lea's daughter attends the same school as Katie's son Max. Small world!

Holly Elkins Marshall is expecting a baby boy in 02/08.

Gwen Hickey Babcock writes, "We are expecting our 2nd, Baby "B," around 4/13/08. If this isn't a boy, then it's a real tomboy because it's kicking my tail so hard I want to cry! However, getting pregnant is the best thing that ever happened to me because all the chronic pain I was having from my 2nd back surgery is gone! Let's praise God for PROGESTERONE! Speaking of praise, I'm enjoying my 2nd

year in Youth Ministry. It's a complete life fulfilling experience. Devin has had great advancements with his job and is doing well. Kaeden Grace turned 5 on 09/30/07 and amazes us every day. I've seen a lot of **Beverly Stone Dale** and **Bergen Hall Daley** and both beautiful children over the past few months. It was a super summer. And I was back on campus for Homecoming and Alumnae Board and it was so great to be back. Y'all must get down soon or for next reunion! Peace!"

In other baby news, **Kara Dickey Moore** and husband expect a baby boy in 2/08.

Beverly Stone Dale and Jeff welcomed baby girl Lindley Caldwell on 6/2/07. Will she be a member of the SBC class of 2029? Beverley's summer was filled with travels from the mountains to the beach to introduce Lindley to family. They enjoyed spending time with **Gwen Hickey Babcock** and **Bergen Hall Daley**.

Liz Dunck Hayes and Paul had baby girl Patricia Ashley on 6/19/07.

Kat Madden Pearl and husband Rich welcomed Aiden Marcus on 9/14/07. Kat says he has big blue eyes and is much louder than his mother ever was in her college years.

On the TX front: **Katherine Harrington Welder** has a new title: "Since it rained all summer in TX, I ended up having to become 'Julie the Cruise Director.' Lunch on 1st floor, games on the 2nd floor, and me either passed out from exhaustion in the master bedroom or trailing after the children picking up toys that had fallen in the line of duty. We're doing great. Home front: Ray, Leigh, Jay and I got back from Ireland. My boony red-headed daughter Leigh is in 3rd grade. Ray's mini-me, Jay, is in kindergarten. Work front: I'm the Southwest Regional Director (which encompasses TX and NM) for Metropolitan Opera National Council out of NYC. I'm also the monthly lecture coordinator for the McNay Art Museum Docents."

Catherine Orr Nihem writes, "The twins started school this year—a big adjustment for all. Jack and I head off to Peru at the end of Oct. to trek to Macchu Piccu. Apparently, with all the elevation gains, you can experience all 4 seasons in a day, should be a real adventure. For Christmas we're meeting the extended family in the Riviera Maya, then to Captiva Island in Mar. and off to the Cape for 3 wks this summer. We're so landlocked here in TX that we escape every opportunity we can!"

Also continuing to travel the globe is **Kelly Hall**. She taught a Western Civ. class in Europe this summer and spent a week each in Athens, Rome, Florence, and Paris. She saw **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer** this summer and planned to visit **Cari Miller James** and **Jen Parker Raudenbush** in 11/07.

Kelly "Pepper" Coggs and Jim have been in Burke, VA since 6/06. Pepper stopped teaching in Charlottesville for Jim to take a job with the government. He's a patent examiner in the Medicinal Chemistry division at the US Patent Trademark Office. She started her own tutoring business and helps local h. s. students in chemistry,

physics, and math. She's also still doing some training in dog agility and now obedience training. AND works part time for some top-secret company she can't tell us about! She rescued an Australian Shepherd on 9/11 (she already rescued one, Sun Bear, in '04). Pepper says she thought this was a great day to rescue someone or something! Their new 9/11 rescue, Blackjack, is doing great. Within 3 wks he could already low-five and high-five and knew all the agility equipment. Pepper keeps in touch with Sabryna Robertson McClung '93, and hopes to see her in CA this Christmas while she and Jim visit his family.

Harleen Singh is still a professor at Brandeis and living in Boston.

Sarah Clifford Weaver and Bob celebrated their 12th anniversary last May. Sarah is off to a new venture teaching art part time in her former h. s. while her 2 boys are in school all day. Her oldest RJ turned 8 in 10/07—has that much time gone by? Younger son Tyler (5) started kindergarten and isn't keen on it yet. Sarah says time will tell.

Kristina Pody Hibdon writes, "Boy have I been busy. We've moved into a new home and installed a pool. The kids love it. My twin daughters celebrated their 5th birthday in Oct. I opened a new office for my insurance agency. I worked a local college fair, loved it. Meeting so many potential new SBC students is exciting and fun. I love to talk about all of the wonderful reasons why they should consider a woman's college, particularly SBC."

Kimberly Roda Morehead had a rough Fri. 13th, with the passing of both hers and Tim's grandmother. That aside, she's had a fun year with 3 vacations in a row (Disney, Hilton Head, then Destin, FL). Now she and the kids are prepping for the holidays. Daughter Georgia (4) already has a folder ½ in. thick of desired presents she's ripped out of toy catalogs for Santa's consideration. Claire (1) just rips up the magazines and tries to eat the paper. They keep her busy!

Margaret Bruha is working at Abbott Laboratories in Regulatory as a Migration Business Analyst.

Tricia Lynn moved to CT where she is a math specialist in a small suburban school district. She spends a lot of time with her niece and nephew and enjoyed her last vacations to Rome and CA and weekend road trips to Atlantic City and Manhattan.

Cathy Cummings bought a new home in the Myers Park in Charlotte, which I hope to visit soon. At that time, I plan to help her use her left over stock of paint pens from college to paint a bedroom or 2. She completed the Marine Corps Marathon in DC in late Oct. Sister Christen Cummings '97 ran with her. Her family came to DC to support her and they all enjoyed the beer-based celebration that took place after.

Lucile Page Martin writes, "I'm still desperately trying to get on the show 'Wife Swap' since I haven't had a vacation this year and I think 'exercise' pole dancing could really catch on in the Deep South. Carter (3) is trying to beat his buddy, Walker Mallos, for the 'Time Out' award in preschool. At 16 mos., Mary's pageant

days are diminishing as she now growls like a dinosaur at everyone she meets. We're aiming for her to be a Pampers model so she can run around naked and meet other cute kids. Husband Bud just won 'Big Fish' at the Bassmaster Disaster in FL, leaving for 3 days despite his whole family having the stomach bug at home. I'm still the princess working 2 days a week and hoping to solve all of life's biggest problems such as how to get Britney her kids back and other righteous important issues like how to convince your kid that he can't be a roach for Halloween." Lucile had to cut it short there, she gets up at 5 a.m., squeezes the OJ, and makes homemade scones and fresh omelets to serve for the whole family. She did ask that I tell you to please contact "Wife Swap" at your earliest convenience at P.O. Box 1879, NY, NY 10116 to nominate your poor, deprived classmate.

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Hello, ladies! More baby news, as many of the girls who reported pregnancies in the last edition have welcomed their new children. Our class seems to be doing well in all aspects of our lives; we've become the successful women the girls who left SBC in '96 hoped to be!

Paige Vaughn Campion, husband Chris, and wonderful big sister Ellie Grace welcomed Olivia Layne on 8/04/07! Olivia was born at 3:39 p.m., weighed 8 lbs.5 oz. and was 20 in. long. With lots of dark hair and big eyes, she's as beautiful as her sister, a joy to her family, and to me. I love the weekly pictures of the girls Paige sends us!

After a 2-hr drive to the hospital and 21 hrs of labor, **Katie Campbell Brumley** and Rob finally met their new son Robert Haywood IV! He'll be called Hayes, from his middle name, and he arrived 9/3/07 (Labor Day—how fitting!). Hayes was born 3 wks early, so he was a little guy at 5 lbs.9 oz., but he's growing every day. He has had lots of good SBC spoiling, including visits from Jesse, Wynn, Buff, Hunter, Kathryn and Lee. Katie, Rob and big sister Grayson can't wait for everyone to meet him!

Mary Margaret Dixon Biss and husband Andy welcomed 1st child Anna Margaret on 9/05/07 at 5:55 a.m.! Anna weighed 7 lbs.11 oz. and was 21 in. long, with beautiful blonde hair. She had been diagnosed with a serious heart defect when Mary Margaret was 5 mos. pregnant, so she and Andy were prepared when Anna was born to have her transferred to Rochester for open heart surgery at only 1 day old! She recovered from surgery after being in the hospital one month, although she'll have to have another surgery at 6 mos. and a final one before school age. Anna has been a real champ and her parents think she'll give SBC a run for their money in the class of 2029!

Lisa Aumiller-Anderson gave birth to her 3rd child 9/27/07 at 5:43 a.m.! Lisa Brad Quinn (4) and John Mae (2) welcomed Emma Rayne to their family. Emma was born at home just like John Mae—a beautiful experience!

Jesse Durham Strauss and **Jen Beck Locke** both moved in Aug. Jesse, Gron and baby Anna bought a house in Alexandria. They spent time getting estimates for kitchen and bath remodeling, have gotten the floors refinished, and are working on a do-it-yourself remodeling of the powder room on the main floor. Fun stuff! Jesse's mom has been busy in the yard, and painting Anna's room. Although Jesse expects the house to be a "construction zone" for the next few months (should make life interesting with a 7 mo. old!) her goal was to host Thanksgiving as usual. She's been told this is unrealistic, but is still going with it! Jen, Hunter, Marte, and Thomas safely arrived in Ooltewah, TN (near Chattanooga) for Hunter's new position with Georgia Pacific. Congratulations to both families on their new homes!

Melissa McLearn purchased a new house in Thurmont, MD. Congratulations, Melissa!

Anne Osterholm Pribble lives in Evingson, VA with husband Greg and children Chandler (11), Connor (4), and Courtney (2). Anne works for Centra Health, Hospice of the Hills, as a Medical Social Worker. She's on the Board of Directors of the Campbell County Humane Society, and fosters homeless/abused dogs until they can get into rescue groups. Greg has started working at SBC as the assist. tennis coach.

Robin Bettger Fishburne and Joe bought their dream house in Greenville, SC, and thank goodness sold their other home after 4 mos. on the market! Daughter Gibbs (2 ½) is a talker just like mommy. Robin still works for Ryland Homes as a Sales Counselor, loves it. She was in D.C. 9/30/07 to throw a baby shower for Sarah Betz Bucciero '97 and godson-to-be. While there, she saw Kari Henderson '95 and Mary Byrd Braun '95 and husband Jack and son Drew. Drew is too cute! It was great catching up with everyone and of course, Robin couldn't wait for her godson to be born around 11/16/07!

Jennifer Trzupek Pala started her own business, becoming a jewelry advisor for lia sophia. She has been actively selling on her own since Aug. so far it has been a great experience. Harrison (5) and Carter (3) started preschool this year. What a change that has been, but such a good one for both boys! They enjoy it. Jennifer babysits 4 days a week for her girlfriend's son (3), who lives down the block. Her husband Jim has been traveling a lot for work these days. While keeping busy with her new business, Jennifer has also volunteered as a team soccer mom and is in charge of planning holiday parties at the boys' schools. She talked with **Jen Beck Locke** and **Paige Vaughn Campion**. Catching up with them always brings back great SBC memories. She sends best wishes to you all for a terrific holiday season!

Rachael Boyd Belmonte visited with **Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell** this summer in Smyrna, GA, and with **Janie Bradley** as well. She lives with husband Joe, son Will (7), and daughter Emma (4) in Williamsburg, VA. Will is in 1st grade. Rachael teaches online AP statistics, AP calculus AB, and pre-calculus/mathematical analysis through Virtual Virginia, a part of the VA Department of Education. She attached a happy family photo. I wish I could share with y'all!

In **Amy Daugherty Michel** family news, Xander (8 mos) is sitting up, rolling over, scooting all around, and getting ready to crawl—let the baby proofing begin! He'll be given even more incentive to get moving when my niece Graysen (17 mos) arrives for Thanksgiving, and he has to try to keep up with her walking, running, and climbing. Sam continues with both work and school, which keeps us on a tight schedule, but thankfully he gets plenty of time off from both during the holidays. In Sept., Xander and I traveled to OR, so he and my dad could meet for the 1st time. It was a wonderful visit! While there, we spent a night with **Melissa "Mo" Broderick Eaton** and family. Although we e-mail often, I hadn't seen Mo since her '98 wedding to husband Stu. It was great to see them both and to meet their sons Miles (5) and Nat (15 mos)! Mo and Stu were expecting their 3rd son, Flynn around 12/12. I keep in touch with **Imogen Slade** and **Mary Copeland Dellinger**, and was happy to reconnect with Beth Garlough '97 last spring, after she read about Xander's pending arrival in the *Alumnae* Magazine. It really is a great way for all of us to stay connected! Best wishes to each of you for a safe and happy holiday season, and as always, I look forward to hearing from you for the next edition!

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Hello, Friends! Reunion preparation is underway and you've been assigned a classmate on the Reunion Hospitality Committee (RHC) who will be your primary contact for all things reunion! Our 10th reunion is May 16–18, 2008 and we don't want anyone left out! Be sure to update your info on the SBC Alumnae web site and e-mail me if you have not been contacted by the RHC. Be sure to watch for reunion mail from SBC!

Tricia Mohana Summers and husband Brian have started their own company called SummerTech Inc., a technology

management company. Their 1st project is SpotlessAir: www.spotlessair.com. Additionally, Tricia is a partner in a Stroller Strides franchise, owning the rights to VA Beach and Chesapeake. Her group has 10 classes a week; it's a great way to work out with your child/children rather than gym daycare. "My kids love it and we've met so many great moms. We have 5 instructors and we're all certified in pre- and post-natal fitness. Stroller Strides was founded out in San Diego 6 years ago and is taking off. To locate a class near you go to www.strollerstrides.com. Our website is www.strollerstrides.net/virginiabeach." Son James (4) loves preschool and absorbs everything. Jack (20 mos) is doing and saying many new things every day. Tricia's sisters live in Boston now; Katie an undergrad and Anne '04 is in a graduate program both at Emerson. Her brother works for her parents in LA. Tricia goes to Atlanta occasionally to ride and is looking forward to reunion!

Bobbie Hedrick Atristain's book *Haunted People, Haunted Minds* transitioned from an eBook to Amazon.com.

Charlotte Higgins is working as a cardiac nurse at UNC.

Joanne Hopkins bicycled her way through Norway with a group. She keeps in regular touch with **Erin Wortley Valliere** and **Erikka Sund Neal**. Erin says, "Life is good and busy. I love my new job, but have to travel about once a month. I have some sad children while I'm gone, but they're adjusting well and staying busy. The children and I watched Joanne do a 2 mi. lake swim in Sept. and then had lunch afterwards. I hope to make it to LA to see Erikka after Christmas. Our most exciting news is Joe and I expect #3 in Mar., about 4 wks after Erikka! Clearly, we didn't think ourselves busy enough."

Melissa Pembroke wrote: "I live in Philadelphia with husband Pete (VMI '98) and 2 children, Sarah (6) and Peter (3). Aside from volunteering at church and school, I teach piano lessons to 15 children. I can't believe my students tripled this year! I guess I need to raise my rate!"

WEDDING NEWS: **Hobby Holmes** married on 10/12/07 in Florence, Italy (where she studied JYA). **Mary Friberg** attended. Hobby and husband were

planning to leave Florence and head to South Africa for a 2-wk honeymoon in the wine country and on safari. "Many, many thanks to Prof. Whitcombe for opening my eyes to the history and beauty of Florence!"

BABY NEWS: **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** and husband Darrin welcomed Abram James to their family on 8/7/07. Sister Virginia (2) is thrilled!

Helen Vivienne was born to **Kelly Bowman Greenwood** and husband Wayne on 9/28/07 weighing in at 7 lbs 15 oz, 20.5 in long.

EXPECTING BABIES in '08: **Erikka Sund Neal**, **Erin Wortley Valliere**, **Marnie Tokaruk Bates**

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Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky started doing short triathlons in '06 and had a full season last spring and summer, building up to an Olympic-distance race in Oct. She and Steve visited family in DE in Sept. and ran a half-marathon in Philadelphia before Devon continued to VA to visit Christine Bump '00, **Lindsey Kelly** (and little Catherine!), Anne-Claire '98, Sophie '02, and Celeste Wackenhut '08, and others at Homecoming.

Kim Bolz-Andolsek was getting ready for baby #3 due near Thanksgiving. Kate (4) and Leo (3) are anxious to meet their new baby brother or sister. Kim promoted SBC at the National College Fair in Minneapolis, MN this Oct. She got to meet some SBC alum and possible new SBC vixens while at the fair.

Rachel Brattie is finishing her final year of psychiatry residency at the Medical U. of SC. She serves as Chief Resident and enjoys the added responsibilities. She returned from a national convention in New Orleans focused on the mental health of disaster victims. She visited some of the areas hit worst by Katrina and was amazed that so much devastation remains 2 years later. She and husband Chris hope to spend the year following residency working in New Zealand.

Amy Gibbs Brown gave birth to Malcolm Bailey on 5/11/07. He's a total meatball! 95% for length! He eats a ton of food and is the opposite of his older brother Cooper (2), who won't eat a thing! Amy's husband Kenton is doing a post-doc at NIST and has published a paper already. He hopes to publish more before the end of his position. Amy hopes to move back to the east as soon as they can. She misses interior design work. To keep busy (and sane) she has been involved in BouldReach (a women's organization that promotes health and education for women around the world). She has also been involved in planning a big family reunion.

Sarah Dorminey lives in Tallahassee, FL (yes, it's too hot). She's working toward her Certificate of Urban Design at FL State U. and is an adjunct professor at FL A&M U. She graduated in '03 from VT with a M.A. in landscape architecture and is working on her registration exams. She is still dating C.L., who was at the reunion.

Brenda Elze got out of the US Air Force after serving 6.5 yrs. She has a job with Johnson&Johnson in Orlando, FL as a marketing director/sales manager for medical devices and is excited about the move! She also spent time at SBC's Homecoming with **Devon Vasconcellos**, Christine Bump '00 and Sarah Lester '00!

Valerie Kite and Derek welcomed Jacob Gideon 7/17/07! Jacob was 8 lbs.

Sarah Kingsley Foley resigned from coaching cheerleading at VA Wesleyan Coll. to spend more time with son Cole (2 in 3/08). She still stays involved with cheerleading by choreographing for teams around the state and has joined an open all-star squad at VA Wild. They compete in VA, NC and MD. Prof. Horwege is pleased that Sarah and Cole attend a weekly playgroup for German speaking mothers and children. She went to visit **Brandi Whitley Hilder** and attended SBC Homecoming. **Meghan Pollard Leyboldt** and Sarah are throwing Brandi a baby shower! Sarah has had several playdates with **Lillie Vought Tiller** and her 2 daughters Virginia Ames and Claudia.

Lindsey Neef Kelly and husband Sean spend most of their time running after Catherine (3/1/07), baptized in Sept. Work is going well for Lindsey, who looks forward to going to Farmville for an injunction hearing in Nov. and who frequently travels around the eastern half of the state to foreclosure sales. She started cooking more often again, including making all of Catherine's baby food herself!

While balancing work and grad school at Duke, **Meghan Pollard Leyboldt** has been promoted to Assoc. Director of Admissions for The Duke MBA Daytime program. This May, Meghan spent 3 wks in Italy enrolled in a graduate course where she studied gender imagery represented in art architecture. Her fantastic trip took her to cities such as Rome, Florence, Siena, Lucca, Assisi, Pisa, Bologna, Todi and Orvieto. She and husband Steve spent the week of the 4th of Jul. touring CA where they started off in L.A. and drove up the Pacific Coast Highway in a convertible through Big Sur,



A mini-reunion was held in NYC this winter. L-R: Hobby Holmes '98, Sam Platner '98, Mary Friberg '98, Carol Skriloff '00

spent a few days in Napa and Sonoma wine tasting and time in San Francisco.

It's another girl for the Majors! **Jen Schmidt Major** and husband Michael (USMA '99) along with daughters Anna (7) and Emily (5) welcomed Allison Joan to their family on 9/20/07. Allie's first visitors were her aunt Kim Schmidt Miscavage '01 and husband Brian. She looks forward to meeting aunt Abby Schmidt '00—the girls' fairy godmother—this Nov. on her first break from business school at Boston U.

Heather McLeod and husband TJ Griffin welcomed their 1st baby, Eamon Francis, on 9/30/07, in Austin, TX. He was 3 ½ wks early. Their cat Squeaky is not too happy with the new addition, but everyone else is head over heels in love.

Shannon Smith still lives in Garner, NC and commutes to Fayetteville to work at Cape Fear Animal Hospital as an assoc. vet. She went on a missions trip to Russia through Children's Hopechest and with others from Covenant Church International. There, she visited orphanages and shared the love of Christ with them. It was a great experience and she hopes to go back in the future.

Tina Hansel Snover has been in Lynchburg since 12/06 with husband David and daughter Brenae (1). She was the asst. soccer coach this fall at SBC and enjoyed being back on campus! If you haven't seen it yet, the renovated gym is great and well overdue! If you pass through town you always have a home at The Snovers' so pop in! She was hosting **Kris Harris**, **Melissa Henning Hill**, **Meredith Tillery** and **Erin Wright East** '00 for a mini-reunion weekend in Nov. They hoped to have dinner at La Carretta with **Sarah Elkins Ince**. Other than that, she still works from home with Partylite and keeps up with her daughter. Tina encourages everyone to get on facebook.com/! She enjoys keeping in touch with people this way and said we need more Niner's on there; contact her if you need help!

Lillie Voght Tillar continues to love being a stay-at-home mom in VA Beach to daughter Virginia Ames (4) and new baby Claudia (6 mos).

Angela Walton Carpita is teaching h. s. science and art and was happily married on 6/23/07. She and husband Christopher live in Annapolis, MD. Angela was overjoyed to be reunited with **Jessica Tinfo** who attended the wedding. Kibby Jane Bryenton Fergusson '00 could not travel from her husband's Navy post in England to attend, nor could Astrid Liverman '98 make the trip from her residence in Hawaii. **Mary Lea Harris** is still a dear friend who couldn't attend.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous works part time as a PR consultant from home. She and husband Tim are happily expecting their 1st baby in 4/08. Her 2 German shepherds, Sage and Maggie, will have some tough adjustments once they're no longer the cutest kids in the house.

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Happy New Year, Class of 2000! We all must have been busy with the holidays when class notes were due—I didn't hear from as many of you as I usually do! Nevertheless, our class has been busy with weddings, babies and jobs. Here goes...

Kibby Jane Bryenton Fergusson and husband Donnie welcomed their 2nd child Anna Margaret, born in England on 8/31/07 in just 45 min! Kibby says all is well for her growing family, as big brother Iain (2) loves his little sister. They plan to leave England 11/07 to head for Japan for 2 years!

Alison Stockdale and husband Adam are expecting their 1st little one in 2/08. While they don't know yet whether it's a boy or girl, they're busy preparing for the baby's arrival.

Anne-Ryan Sinnot Craig still works at JMU. Daughter Abbey (17 mos) is talking up a storm. Anne-Ryan is planning to take Abbey for her 2nd visit to SBC soon. She sees **Kimberly Earehart Coleman** and her family often. Abbey loves to visit and play with Kimberly's daughter Claire, so the girls try to get together as much as they can.

Melissa Fauber Carter and husband Jack (H-SC '00) have purchased a new home. She says, "We're doing some work on it right now but hope to be moved in by Christmas! It's still in Amherst County, only about 10 min. away from where we live now. Our daughter Clara just turned 2, so we stay very busy trying to keep up with her! I'm in my 2nd year of teaching 3rd, 4th and 5th grade math at Temperance Elem. in the county after 6 years of teaching 2nd grade. Carla Fitzgerald Wimer '01 and Lindsey Wydner '05 are 2 of my colleagues at the school, so SBC is well-represented."

Kim Harden Fella writes from Macon, GA where she continues to work as an elem. counselor. She was able to get back to SBC in 9/07 for Homecoming, and got to see some of our classmates, including **Kristen Lawlor Steege**. Kim reports that Kristen is expecting a baby girl in 12/07! Kim's husband Chad will be returning from his 6-month deployment with the Navy to Western Africa in 11/07. He will remain stationed in Jacksonville, FL through 3/08, when he has to report to one of the nuclear-powered carriers in Norfolk, VA.

Christine Bump is excited to announce her engagement to Elias Papasavvas, who proposed to her on Monument Hill during a trip to SBC! They are planning a traditional Greek Orthodox wedding for 3/8/08 at a cathedral in DC. Christine says, "Elias is the only person I have ever met who truly embodies the American dream—his family came here with literally nothing as refugees from Cyprus when he was 12, and he is now the founder, Chairman, and CEO of Elderlife Financial, LLC." Christine is a 4th-year associate at her law firm, where she concentrates on

the regulation of in vitro diagnostic devices. Despite the long hours, she still loves the work and can't wait to be married!

Betsy Bagg writes "2007 has been crazy, hectic, and fantastic for me so far! I started off the year as the casting associate on the pilot for Jimmy Smits' new CBS show called "Cane." Then I finally got my first paid writing gig—writing for the Emmy-winning mini-series "The Starter Wife" for the USA Network. My introduction to professional writing had its ups and downs, but it was so great to finally put that creative writing degree to good use. The big news is that I sold my first TV show to Lionsgate Studio! We are currently in development, but hoping to go into production soon, and if all goes as planned, the show will air in Fall '08. I will of course keep you all updated so that you can tune in! The show sold the same week of my 30th birthday, so I got to celebrate in Las Vegas with 20 friends, including **Amy Scott**, **Alison Davis**, and **Dina Orbison**. I would like to give a special "Holla" to my former SBC roommate Amy who has been a spring board for my ideas for the past decade and was a big inspiration for my show."

As for me, **Elizabeth Davis Baker** I'm (still) working on my M.A. and teaching at the community college in Smithfield, NC. Brian and I continue to spoil our 2 "children" (cats Lucy and Charlie), and will celebrate our 4th anniversary this spring. Hope to hear from more of you next time!

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Whitney Smith Jordan's brother, Bret Smith, died in 4/07 due to severe head trauma from a motorcycle accident. Please keep Whitney and her family in your thoughts and prayers. On a happy note, Whitney and husband Chas planned to move to Lexington, KY, in the fall/winter. Chas's company was transferring them and they were excited about the move. They'll be close to Whitney's family in Louisville.

Sarah Houston Kenning is still in Albany, NY, and has been busy with work and being a board member for Junior League of Albany. She and husband Tyler (W&L '01) are excited about a vacation to FL. She visited with **Christine Rangel** and **Anna Lundberg** at Christine's beautiful apartment in NYC. Both Anna and Christine are well. Sarah was visited by **Sarah Belanger** who lives in DC and enjoys work with Georgetown U. She talks to **Katie Wood Rea**, who expects another child, and **Lys Burdette Paulhus**, who moved to Atlanta.

Sarah will visit with **Natasha Nickodem** in winter, and **Meghan Frier Stawasz** in her new home outside Boston. Natasha lives in Chicago and works for the Art Institute of Chicago as an Assistant Director of Development. She visited **Stephanie Sherrard** in Indianapolis.

Aneka Reeves Cruz and husband Scott welcomed Jon Jeremiah Shore on 6/13/07—just 2 days shy of their 5th anniversary! Jeremiah weighed 9 lbs 10oz and was 21 25 in. long. He joins sister Timbre, who started kindergarten. Aneka still teaches Special Education math science, and study skills at Jefferson Forest High in Forest, VA. Scott still works as a design engineer at a local company and planned to finish his Mechanical Engineering degree in 12/07. Aneka and Scott had dinner with **Angela Aiken Cameron** and husband Carl in Lynchburg, VA. Aneka and her family also had dinner with Liz Hyland Swann '00 and family in Farmville, VA.

Sophia Rowlands received her J.D. from U. of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and took the CA Bar this past summer. She took a position with a firm in Sacramento, CA, and practices in the land use and natural resources division.

Sonya DeConinck married Michael Tolson on 7/2/06. Maureen Robertson-Crawford '00 attended. Sonya works full time for Tyco Corp. in Finance and has started her own business part time as a free lance photographer shooting weddings, portraits and fine art in her home town, Gardner, MA.

Lauren Kaplan married Cary Slobin on 9/2/07 in Dallas. Her bridesmaids included **Elizabeth McGovern Brann** and **Alison Brown Breene**. Other attending SBC alumnae were **Hillary Herlehy**, **Laurina Kaatz**, **Lauren Kovatch Long** and **Christy Holterman Ziegler**. Everyone enjoyed catching up. Lauren's daughter Ava (3) was a flower girl.

Amy Sherman and husband Christopher welcomed 1st child John Christopher this year. They still reside in NYC.

Nia Fonow married Matthew Ravenstahl on 8/4/07. She's now stepmother to teenager Maris and pre-teen Seth, and has become a soccer and football mom overnight! Their wedding was hoedown style, which was exciting for the British side of the family. **Ariana Wolynec-Werner** was maid of honor; **Kim Schmidt Miscavage** and **Katy Kruschwitz Carricato** were present.

After graduating Order of the Coif from Tulane Law School in May, **Ariana Wolynec-Werner** skipped the bar exam and went to China with Nia instead, in the international version of a bachelorette. After the longest move ever out of New Orleans, some solid couch time in Nia's basement, and getting hosed by a condo developer, Ariana and her cat Kit-Mo moved to a new place off U St. in DC. She ran into **Nicholle Baugher** while furnishing her apartment at IKEA. She also started as a Presidential Management Fellow within the US Department of Homeland Security, in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis' policy shop. She says one of her new colleagues is reminiscent of SBC Greek Professor Eric Casey! She gets together not often enough with **Amanda Campbell Wright** and family, and hopes to see other alumnae in the DC area. Ariana returned twice to SBC this summer, once with Nia to have dinner with Dean Green and his wife, and the other to

participate in the Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Advisory Council meeting during Homecoming. Ariana enjoys reconnecting with alumnae on the professional networking website *LinkedIn.com*.

In Nov., Ariana and Nia planned to visit **Kim Schmidt Miscavage** and husband Brian, who moved to Palmyra, PA, in Sept. Brian got out of the Navy and is the Electrical Maintenance Supervisor at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant near Harrisburg, PA. Kim is looking for a job and getting their new home decorated. Kim became an aunt again on 9/20/07. Sister Jen Schmidt Major '99 gave birth to her 3rd daughter, Allison Joan; both mother and daughter are great.

Jana Putnam married Erik Saylor in Spanaway, WA, on 8/4/07. They live in Tallahassee, FL. Jana was licensed as a CPA in spring and works in the tax department of Thomas Howell Ferguson, one of the largest CPA firms in Tallahassee.

Megan Thomas Rowe and husband have been enjoying their 1st child Madelyn Laine, born 2/1/07. Megan enjoyed seeing Sarah Kingsley Foley '99 and **Rami Achterberg Heers** at **Elizabeth Finch's** house over summer when she hosted an event for prospective students and incoming freshmen.

Amy Whitney married Brian Rippey on 9/8/07 on her family's southern MD farm. They reside in Westminster, MD. SBC guests at the wedding included **Katherine Woodson Bates**, **Melanie Naquin Mayberry**, **Catherine Holswade Asher**, **Elizabeth Hamshaw Mitchell** '00, **Lindsey Custer** '00, and **Kristy Chatham** '00, whose own wedding was 10/26/07. Amy's sister, **Catherine Cox** '08, was maid of honor.

Caroline LaBarre was in her last semester at the Thunderbird School of Global Management and planned to graduate in 12/07 with an M.B.A. in Global Management. She has accepted a full-time Assistant Brand Manager position with Henkel, a European CPG company, at their North American headquarters in Scottsdale, AZ. In 8/07, Caroline's boyfriend Tim Porthouse proposed to her at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Of course, she said yes. A summer '09 wedding in San Diego is planned.

Erin Alberda is still training for the '08 Paralympics in Beijing China; she hopes to have lots of friendly faces in the crowd if she makes the US Team! She has 2 major qualifiers left before the team is chosen. She has made another big life change: she has gone back to grad school for traditional Chinese medicine. Erin is excited at how her traditional and modern physics education applies to this ancient form of healing!

Katherine Morse in southeast GA is working on her condo on St. Simons Island. She has enjoyed working at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel at the front desk and in the gift shop. Kat is working on a certificate in hospitality management, while starting up her art business and website, *www.mkvellingtonart.com*.

Erin Bronson was engaged in Jun. to Josh Phillips (H-SC). They're getting married

in Key West on 5/10/08. Sister Meg married Kyle Braddy on 9/22/07. Erin was maid of honor. **Mary Donelson Robbins** was a bridesmaid. **Jamie Solimando** came to the reception.

Thanks to Amanda for letting me be her relief editor and thanks to everyone for sending notes! Keep the news coming! *Best, Ariana Wolyne-Werner.*

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Meg Fronk is putting her M.A.Ed to good use as a special education instructor.

Amanda Barbour-Johnston has taken a new job with Farmville Baptist Church as Associate Pastor. She and husband John moved to Farmville this past fall.

Ashley Trantham recently moved to the Raleigh, NC area and now works as director of Hallmarks Administration and Development for the NC Nurses Association.

Mary Beth Colvin is still teaching at Liberty High School (this is her 6th year) and is coaching field hockey as well. She resides in Midland, VA.

Arney Walker is doing event planning for a catering company in DC and enjoying the variety it brings. She recently purchased a condo and is looking forward to homeownership!

Misa Sarmiento is living and working in Baltimore, MD as a Physician Assistant doing internal medicine, and works part time in trauma. Misa also bought a house.

Laura Reither Marcotte just finished her Ph.D in biochemistry from Harvard and has started working at Clark&Elbing LLP, an intellectual property law firm in Boston. She is a registered patent agent and will start law school this fall. Laura randomly ran into **Anya Moon** and her new husband in Boston this fall!

Emily Harris Geary and her husband are loving life in Lexington, KY and the new addition to their family, Brooke, born in 4/07. Emily recently caught up with Karen Story '04, **Juliana De Santis**, and **Megan Murphy**.

Christina Kingsley married Christopher Link 10/29/07 in Great Falls, VA. **Lindsay Keller**, **Megan Ogilvie** and **Jill Tremblay** all attended the wedding.

Regan Blackwood ran the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco this Oct.

Melissa Rudder is working at the Union Square Café in NYC and is a board member of their Community Investment Group. She recently traveled to DC where she worked with Habitat for Humanity. For Dec. she planned a 3-week trip to India. In '08 she hopes to make a big move to San Francisco to get involved in the art world.

Elizabeth Waring McCracken and husband Chris (H-SC '03) have been married for almost a year and are busily preparing for his medical residency starting in 6/08. They are not sure where they will be moving yet but are hoping for somewhere out west. Currently they reside in Portsmouth, VA. Liz is teaching dance at a h.s. in Newport News.

Emily Verby and her partner have moved to Boston and could not be happier! She writes the cat and dog would be happier if they had their own places. Emily has a new job and is continuing her work as a personal chef, with plans to travel back to MX soon for another mission trip.

Stacey Armentrout Fallah and husband Eric are looking forward to their 1st child, a boy due in 2/08! They plan to name him Jackson after Stacey's grandfather, who passed away in Jul. **Rachel Roth Allred** will be the godmother.

Kim Martin is happily engaged to Timothy Baskind of Richmond. Living in Richmond allows her to keep in touch with **Christi Rose Hart** (who is an attorney with a firm in Richmond that specializes in real estate transactions) and her baby Kendall, and **Tamara Young Metzfield** and her little girl Emma, as well as Lara Hansen '03. Christi and Kim were able to catch up with **Sarah Ryder** and Alissa Cline Berry '03 at Christi's baby shower. Kim also keeps up with Christine Rangel '01 while in NYC and Megan Beley Withrow '01 in FL. Kim's dad is on the board of directors at SBC and successfully made it through emergency heart surgery. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Kim has 3 dogs: Macy, Tucker, and Grayson, and 2 horses: Beau and Brody.

Sophie Wackenhut Szymanski and her husband celebrated the birth of their 1st son, Hudson, on 5/23/2007. They are enjoying Atlanta and welcome the change of pace from NYC. Sophie and Christi were able to catch up at Homecoming this year.

Heather Minor Gelormine and her husband welcomed their 2nd child Anthony Michael on 7/30/07 at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. Big sister Brenna (3) was happy to meet her new little brother.

Meg Anderson has left teaching and is now living and working in DC as the catering manager for Sofitel Lafayette Square.

Katherine Moncure Stuart and husband Harrison recently moved to Knoxville, TN, where he works at The Episcopal School of Knoxville. Katherine is working for The Education Group.

Eliza Chenault married William Hamnett III in Charleston, SC 9/1/07. SBC girls in attendance included: Carolyn Eney '03, Meg Foley '03, Sara Kemper '03, **Sara Miller**, **Natasha Ungerer**, Ashleigh Kresslein '04, and Alicia Hart Palmore '00. Eliza, Will, Walker (their yellow lab) and Chloe (their horse) live in the fan district of Richmond. In her free time, Eliza still rides and shoes on the local "A" circuit.

Brook Tucker and I, **Lori Nilan**, are enjoying our role as class secretaries! Brook is busy preparing for her 6/08 wedding to Trey and will begin nursing school at the

beginning of the year. She recently moved to Charlotte, NC, where she and Trey have bought a townhouse. I am still working for my parent's lighting showroom in Farmville, VA, and enjoy the interesting dynamic of working for your parents. Andrew and I recently celebrated our 2nd wedding anniversary and are enjoying living in Midlothian with Bridget, our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Brook and I recently saw **Denise McDonald**, **Kelly Monical**, and **Maria Thacker** at Ashley Johnson's '03 wedding this past Aug. in Charlotte. Denise and Maria are both busy planning their respective weddings in 5/08. Denise and her fiancé Temple Gentry (H-SC '03) have purchased a house in Midlothian, VA, where they live with Bentley, Denise's Standard Poodle. Maria and her fiancé Matthew Weiss are enjoying the city life in Atlanta with their Springer Spaniel, Cutter.

Thank you to everyone who submitted class notes. Brook and I look forward to the next edition!

2003

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Danielle Ross Oberg welcomed niece Fallon Mary into the world on her own birthday last Apr. Danielle and husband took a road trip from VA to ME, stopping in Philadelphia and Boston. They visited **Sarah Canovaca Poirier** and her family at their home in Biddeford, ME. In Oct., **Megan Doughtie** came to visit Danielle in VA Beach. Danielle started back with her old company, World Travel Holdings, 6 months ago and has been promoted to Human Resource Representative for their VA Beach office. She began working this fall on her M.A.Ed in Tourism and Recreation at Old Dominion U.

Shirley Pinson lives in Blacksburg, VA, and teaches m.s. civics. She loves being a teacher—a rewarding experience! She keeps in contact with SBC friends: **Kylene Smith** helped her move this summer and prior to the move, they met for dinner in Charlotte, NC. Shirley, along with **Amanda Crighton**, will serve a bridesmaid at **Lana Davis'** spring '08 wedding.

Congratulations to **Melissa Gist** who announced her engagement to Josh Mundy (JMU) in 6/07. They plan a 6/08 wedding.

Kelly Kaufman Hughes received her CLU designation (Chartered Life Underwriter) in Aug. She wanted to report that **Nicole Crowder** is getting married in 6/08.

Ingrid Zensen is living in Portland, OR, teaching Spanish to K-8 grade. She is working on her M.A. in Teaching at the U. of Portland. She just got back from San Francisco where she went to Oktoberfest with **Michaela Krohn** and **Emma-Kate Payne**.

Christy Pitts is in veterinary school at OK St. She plans to graduate in May before

reunion. She met with **Sara Kemper** in KY and **Allison Funkhouser** in WV, and spent time with **Stephanie Jefferson** this summer in FL.

Katherine Carlson has moved to NYC where she'll take on a new job as a Gallery Assistant at Peter Freeman, Inc. She will receive her M.A. in Contemporary Art from Sotheby's Institute in '08.

Hailey Hickman Hermosa has accepted a job with the American Cancer Society in Honolulu, HI. She is excited to start her job as a Community Manager of Development.

Quinn Smith Hall works for Central VA Community Services as a therapist and Case Manager after receiving her M.A.Ed in Community Counseling from Lynchburg Coll. in 12/05.

Congratulations to **Olevia Neary Carothers**, who is President of the Richmond Alumnae Club!

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I hope you're all well and enjoying the gorgeous weather!

I'd like to say congrats to all who got married! **Sheena Belcher** married Matthew Hubbard 6/16/07 in Abingdon, VA. Grace Farnsworth '04, **Amanda Palmore**, Michelle Badger '06, **Beth Farnsworth**, **Denva Jackson**, and **Amanda Watts** were bridesmaids. **Susanna Knouse**, **Blair Cooper**, **Nicole Crowder** '02, and many other SBC alumnae attended. Sheena and Matthew live in Charlottesville, VA.

Jan Jennings married Kerry Need 7/7/07 in Lafayette, IN. Her bridesmaids included **Ashley Rogers**, **Christina Marchetti**, **Joyce Scott**, and **Amanda Watts**. The lovely couple resides in CA.

Hilary Cooper married Matthew Cook 8/25/07; they live in Richmond, VA.

Brentz Basten East is expecting a bundle of joy near Valentine's Day! Congrats! She and husband Matt bought a house and are busy painting walls and getting settled in.

Sara Zobel went to work for and train with International 3-Day Event Rider Heidi White Carty. She is located in beautiful Unionville, PA, for summer and fall. Then, she'll go to her home town of Aiken, SC for fall and winter. Heidi was selected for the 2008 Olympic team! She looks forward to traveling with her to the Olympics in China next summer. She and her event horse Trivial Pursuit had a competitive season in

Aiken, SC, this past winter/spring. She's doing very well.

Cathy Sobke is entering her 2nd year of law school down in FL.

Katie Barker works for Busch Gardens full time as one of the stage directors/managers. She loves every minute. She also bought a new car!

Joyce Scott works for Tutts Realty Associates, a real estate team with Keller Williams Realty. She has moved to Duluth, GA; loves it! She attended **Jan Jennings'** wedding in IN and saw **Amanda Watts**, **Christina Marchetti**, and **Ashley Rogers**.

From **Ashley Forehand**: "I'd like to let everyone know that I'm selling real estate in VA! However, I can help people in any state! If you're looking to buy or sell, call me and let me set you up with an agent in your area! It would help my business grow! I can be reached at 804-731-2755."

Mindy Wolf finished her M.A. in philosophy at Boston Coll. last spring, and is starting another M.A. in Greek & Latin at BC. Over summer, she met with **Denva Jackson** and **Nell Champoux** for a boating adventure in Western MA. She has a new man in the house: Buddy the kitty cat.

Heather Wright is finishing her last year of grad school, working as a program specialist at the U.S. Dept. of State, and awaiting entrance into the Foreign Service.

I, **Amanda Jane Watts**, am finishing my final year at GWU for my M.A. in forensic science. I work for the Secret Service in their Forensics Division and have an internship at Arlington PD in their robbery/homicide unit. Never a dull moment! If you have news to share, send me an email at watts05@sbc.edu, or you can facebook-message me, and I'll include them in the next magazine. Take care!

2006

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Sara Hoverson went back to school for a culinary arts degree at the Midwest Culinary Institute. She now lives in OH.

Meg Shortlidge Freda and husband Lou work in the Patent Department at Qualcomm Incorporated. They bought their 1st house in Aug., and live in north San Diego County. Meg will be traveling back to the east coast in Nov. for a conference and plans to rendezvous with **Jo Meade**, **Abby Adams**, **Jenn Wiley** and other classmates in the greater Baltimore/D.C. area. Meg wanted to let all of her classmates know that if anyone plans to visit southern CA, look her up!

Jennifer Jones Collins and husband Thomas Collins (VMI), live on the Armpost of Fort Campbell on the border of KY and TN. It's beautiful there, but it's not VA! They both consider VA to be home and they miss it! Jennifer continues to teach 8th grade science in Montgomery County, TN. Tommy was deployed with the 101st Airborne

Division on 9/17/07. He'll spend 15 mos. in Tikrit, Iraq, serving our country. He's due home in 12/08. Needless to say, it's tough for Jennifer to get used to living alone with her husband so far away, but with close friends she's making it through. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers!

In 8/07 **Henslee Evans** started teaching kindergarten as an Associate Teacher (basically an assistant) at Ashley Hall which is an all girls school and where she went to school in Charleston, SC. She enjoys it very much!

Nicole Brandt still works at the AK SeaLife Center. They had a great summer with 2 historical firsts: The first red-legged kittiwake chick and the first steller's eider duckling ever breed in captivity, both were adorable! Her next work projects involve eider (sea duck) conservation education and outreach in Barrow, AK (North Slope) and learning to drive a boat! She moved to a new apartment with incredible mountain views; feel free to visit! The snow hasn't hit yet, but she's sure it will start soon, some good skiing with it, hopefully. She's applying to graduate school for marine ecology and looking for marine field research jobs/internships. Oh! She also cut all her hair off, it's really super short. If anyone's interested in donation, they should look at Pantene's Beautiful Lengths Campaign! Nicki will visit the east coast for Christmas, can't wait! (Although it's doubtful it'll be a white Christmas there, she thinks she'll have her fill of snow in AK).

Kerri Faust and **Melissa Massy** celebrated their one year anniversary of living in Denver, CO with a dinner out in the Highlands with Judy Grant '66 and Newell and Nancy Kirbo '05. The bunch attended a fundraiser for the Four Mile Historic Park. Fun was had by all! Kerri and Melissa have a new home in north Denver and a new addition to their lives in the form of a goldenoodle puppy named Toby. They traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the wedding of Briana Beckham Pitt '04. There, they visited Anne Benham Willson '04 and Anna Nicholaisen Graham '04—a good time to reconnect with SBC alumnae. As always, visitors are welcome in Denver!

Jessica Herschman moved in Aug. from Ashburn, VA to Columbia, SC to join City Year Columbia. City Year is a nonprofit that brings together 17–24 year olds for 1 year (1,700 hrs) of community service. It's a division of AmeriCorps, think domestic Peace Corp. Her primary assignment is working in a Title 1 elem. school doing one-on-one literacy tutoring and so far it has been very inspiring. She's applying to grad schools, mainly on the west coast and plans to pursue a M.A. in social work. She hopes everyone is well and if you're ever in Columbia get in contact with her!

Jessica Taylor is pursuing her M.S. in Clinical Psychology at Millersville U. in PA.

Suzy Harvey Hodge is settling into married life with husband Phil in their home in Fuquay Varina, NC. She's in the middle of her 2nd year of the Biomathematics program at NCSU, while her husband is in the middle of an on-the-job training period

with the Raleigh Police Dept. She was thrilled to get to see Pat Richardson '05 at the Garlic Festival at Rebec Vineyards in Oct. and several other SBC girls. Other than school, she spends her time with big puppy Lily, crazy cat Binx, and plays her piano. She can't wait to catch up with friends and family over the holidays.

Karina Fernandez has a new job. She works for the United States-Mexico Border Health Assoc. (USMBHA) as a Technical Assistance Expert. The project I'm working on is called Promovision, which is a capacity building assistance (CBA) program developed and implemented by the USMBHA and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to strengthen community access to and utilization of HIV prevention services. I started last week so I'm just getting the hang of it. We provide training, workshops, and develop manuals for HIV prevention programs. I got a puppy, a little 6-mo.-old basset and he's a terror and a half, but I love him even if he chews on my shoes. Well hope all is well with everyone, ciao and God Bless!"

Molly Mitchell is working on her M.B.A. at Hamline U. in St. Paul, MN. She's getting a certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Law school at Hamline too. Besides school, she manages an Independent Senior Living Apartment complex and is a fashion consultant at STLEDLIFE in Minneapolis. In free time she's attempting to continue developing Arabic in hopes to go abroad after graduation in '09.

Allison Martell is settling in to her new position with Westinghouse Nuclear. She's working in their Corrective Actions Program in Product Engineering. Allison finds her position very fulfilling, enjoys telling engineers who have been in the business longer than she's been alive what to do. She still enjoys Columbia, SC, but will miss the snows of SBC.

Victoria Chappell loves life in Palm Beach, FL. She works for Newsmax Media Inc., an online news site that also has a monthly magazine. She moved into her first apartment and loves it! Her friends should definitely visit as the beach is a 2 min. walk and you can swim there all year! Besides work, Victoria has enjoyed visiting friends and family and hopes to travel a lot more in the coming year!

Michelle Badger still works at SBC and is doing an amazing job! Her work on the phonathon was a big success this year.

Colleen Karaffa Murray still works at SBC in the Alumnae Office as mag. editor. Life has moseyed on from the high stress of the wedding, etc., things have settled down a little—that is until Christmas hit and she and Bran got a puppy! Black and tan cocker spaniel Charlie (it's a "she") is a wild thing, but so much fun! Bran started another degree through Liberty U. in computers, too. Coll says hello to all her gals out there!

Letters

Dear Betsy,

If we are lucky, there will be an occasional moment in life that takes away our breath. When it happens during the holiday season, it is a special gift. I received such a nice gift when I opened Sweet Briar's Christmas card and read the tribute to the Buildings and Grounds employees. The truth is, I wept. Special. Well deserved. Perfect photo. All those thoughts came to me; but, the words I heard were those of Peter Daniel, long years ago: "We're having a recognition event..." or... "a retirement event..." for such and such Buildings and Grounds employee. "You students should attend. You don't appreciate all that these employees do for you." I never went and I have always regretted it. He was right...

Thank you for honoring those hard workers who labor, often behind the scenes. ... And, during the busy holiday season, thank you for reminding us who and what we should be celebrating.

Sincerely,
Ellen Harrison Saunders '75

To view the photo Ellen references, visit: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/newsletter.

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2007

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Hi ladies! Graduation seems like a million years ago! Class Secretary **Emily Olson** is on a mission in Salt Lake City, UT, for the Church of the Latter Day Saints until the spring '09, so I'm covering for her. Em left in Sept., but not before she visited me in Alexandria, VA. We met with **Caitlin Cashin**, **Laura Schaefer**, Angelica Shea '06, and Didi Robinson '06 for a farewell brunch. Emily is doing well considering the challenging change. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers! She'd appreciate them! I moved to Alexandria in Jun., and in Aug. I started as Special Assistant to the SVP for Government Relations at Oxford Analytica in Georgetown. So far, so good!

Allison Shaw Camper married Ian (VMI '06) on 6/09. Sister Meredith Shaw Hansen '04, was the matron of honor. Kristin Berquist '06, **Kristi Bloxom**, **Jaclyn Fowler**, **Brittany Lambert**, **Ferrell Lyles** and Joanna Wood '06 attended the wedding. Allison and Ian live in Roanoke, VA. She's applying to grad. programs for her M.A.T. to teach biology.

Ferrell Lyles works in Chantilly, VA, at Northrop Grumman TASC. She moved from Warrenton, VA, to Haymarket and adopted a cat! She and boyfriend Andrew (VMI) have traveled a lot including trips to FL and ME. Ferrell sees Katie Vaughan '06 regularly and has seen **Lynnsey Brown** several times since graduation. Lynnsey keeps busy traveling between Colorado Springs, D.C., and Rio de Janeiro working for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Laura Schaefer started work in Jun. She moved to an apartment down the street from the Pentagon City with boyfriend Devon Grace and Angelica Shea '06. The first environmental impact statement in which Laura is listed as a contributor (the greenhouse gas emissions section no less!) was published on 10/1. She's learning new air quality and noise modeling programs for upcoming projects.

Morgan Roach lives in London and attends the London School of Economics. She's working on her M.Sc in European Studies: Ideas and Identities.

Heidi Trude started her M.Ed. initial licensure in French programs at Mary Washington. She's also substitute teaching for Fauquier County Public Schools. Heidi enjoys class, working with children and teaching, but misses SBC! Thankfully, Heidi made it to the pink bubble for Homecoming.

Mary Petrie is pursuing her M.S. in Occupational Therapy at Shenandoah U. She loves the program, is stoked to become an OC in 12/09! Mary lives part time in Lynchburg and Winchester, VA and works at a local Lynchburg day care center and the

First Christian Church, where she's director of the nursery!

Christine Vasquez Kearney married Sean on 6/16 at the Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, MD. Her bridesmaids included **Kara Evans**, **Nani Smith**, Elizabeth Goldring '05, and Emily Burke '06. Chris and Sean moved to Pensacola, FL. Sean is starting flight school there to become a Naval aviator.

Another wedding: **Christina Mallett Candia** and Cory married on 7/28. They moved to Carmel, IN, where Cory took a job with Data Processing Services, Inc doing IT work. Christina started work in Oct. as a probation officer for Boone County Superior Court II.

Theresa Jorgensen lives in Lynchburg, VA, works at the Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation as the Real Estate Development Manager. She volunteers at Miriam's House, helping with the childcare facilities. **Kelsey Jeffers** moved to Big Pine Key, FL, where she works as a marine science instructor at Newfound Harbour Marine Institute. She's having a blast!

Thanks to everyone who submitted updates. Drop me a line when you have a chance and I'll put you in the next notes.

Take care!

Virginia Cummings Davis '31

SHEILA ALEXANDER, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

When Virginia Cummings attended St. Catherine's School in Richmond in the late 1930s, there was just one name on her college application list: *Sweet Briar College*. When her advisor suggested that she should list more schools as college acceptance was becoming competitive, Ginny declined.

"If Sweet Briar doesn't want me," she declared, "I don't want to go to college at all."

Virginia Cummings Davis, Class of 1942, died on November 4, 2005. Her memory has been honored by her husband, August, with a bequest of \$750,000 to Sweet Briar College. Just as Sweet Briar was the only choice for Ginny, when Mr. Davis decided to make a donation in his wife's memory, for him Sweet Briar was still the only choice.

"We met on a blind date," he says. "Giving this gift in honor of Ginny also honors the memories of that special time when she attended Sweet Briar and I was at VPI."

Mr. Davis chose to make his bequest unrestricted rather than specifying how the money should be used.

"I trust the College to know best what they need," he says. "I don't think I need to designate what they do with it."

Ginny attended Sweet Briar for Sociology/Economics from 1938 to 1942, during the height of World War II. The war had little impact on the courting couple, although gas rationing coupons required some planning. Ginny would visit August at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, now known as Virginia Tech. He came over to Sweet Briar when he had time off. Ginny would take a bus from Sweet Briar to the Lynchburg train station, and then traveled by train to VPI.

"VPI was a military school then, of course, but not so regimented as other military schools," Mr. Davis remembers. "If we weren't in class, we could wear civilian

clothes." He was stationed at Wright Field near Dayton, Ohio, when he and Ginny married. They moved three or four times during their marriage until the war was over, and then lived in Rome, Georgia, for 35 years where Mr. Davis worked for General Electric. They later moved back to Richmond, where Ginny had grown up, to be near her mother. August and Ginny had fond memories of their dating years.

"Ginny was the belle of the ball," Mr. Davis remembers, "and I was shy. When I worked up the courage to ask her to come to a dance at VPI, the words were hardly out of my mouth before she said 'yes'! We surely enjoyed those dances. I couldn't dance well, but Ginny had been dancing since she learned to walk. Other men would 'cut in' on our dances, but I didn't mind; I would go stand by the orchestra and wait for her. I enjoyed the music so much, and she enjoyed the dancing."

Although Ginny was the first in her family to attend Sweet Briar, she must have made an impression on the family with her stories of college life—four of Ginny's cousins followed in her footsteps.

Like Mr. Davis's gift, unrestricted bequests to Sweet Briar's endowment signify a profound belief in our mission, our history, and our future. These gifts create a



Mr. Davis honors his wife, Virginia Cummings Davis '31, with a bequest to Sweet Briar.



Mrs. Davis as a senior at Sweet Briar.

solid foundation upon which faculty salaries and academic programs, student services, and maintenance of our beautiful campus are based, which are clearly necessities for the labor-intensive, highly individualized education that Sweet Briar provides. The magnitude of a college's endowment is the best indicator of the strength of its academic program, because it is that endowment that provides the resources to attract outstanding faculty and top-tier students.

You, too, can honor a loved one by making Sweet Briar a part of your estate plan. A simply executed Letter of Intent, attached as a codicil to your will, indicates your support for the College. To learn more about the personal, financial, and charitable advantages of making an estate gift or to request a Letter of Intent form, please contact The Office of Development on (434) 381-6161 or toll-free on 888-846-5722.



Tree Dedication

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER



Mount Vernon Ladies' Association staff with Chaplain Adam White, 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient Gay Hart Gaines '59, Director of Co-Curricular Life Cheryl Steele, President Elizabeth Muhlenfeld, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association President Jennifer McManamay, and Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Vice President Lynn Crosby Gammill.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association presented the newly planted white ash in the Sweet Briar House garden in honor of Gay Hart Gaines '59 on the occasion of the College naming her the 2007 Distinguished Alumna. Gaines is regent of the MVLA, which owns and maintains Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington. The tree was dedicated in a ceremony following the award presentation during SBC's Founders' Day convocation on Sept. 21.

The young tree's DNA from the trunk up is believed to be a genetic match to a gigantic white ash growing at Mount Vernon since 1918. The estate's horticulturalists cloned the original tree to preserve its offspring after it was nearly destroyed in a storm.

2007 Distinguished Alumna Gay Hart Gaines '59, Mount Vernon Executive Director James C. Rees, MVLA Vice Regent Lynn Crosby Gammill '58, and President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld are pictured watering the new tree at the dedication ceremony.

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